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#### World

Iran nuclear program: Iran on Tues day said economic incentives may help improve foreign relations but won't permanently stop Tehran from pursuing a nuclear program it says is for generating electricity but Washington be-

lieves is for weapons.

The United States agreed last week to drop opposition to Iranian membership in the World Trade Organization and to allow some sales of spare parts for civilian aircraft as part of a European plan that offers economic incentives for Iran to permanently freeze its nuclear activities.

Chechen rebel reward: Russia paid \$10 million for information that helped it track down a Chechen rebel leader who was killed last week in a special forces opera-

tion, its security service said Tuesday.

The Federal Security Service said it would offer the same reward for Shamil Basayev, the Chechen warlord who claimed responsibility for September's school hostage-taking in Russia that killed 330.

Bobby Fischer detention: Chess legend Bobby Fischer shouldn't be exempted from Japan's rule that foreigners who are ordered deported must be sent to their homeland, Japan's top immigration official said Tuesday.

Fischer and his supporters are asking that he be allowed to go to Iceland, where he has been granted a special passport for foreigners, instead of the United States where Japan has ordered him sent.

Tugboat kidnapping: Japan has urged Ma-ysia, Indonesia and Singapore to help rescue three crewmembers of a Japanese-registered tugboat who were kidnapped in a pirate attack off Malaysia, officials said Tues-

Japan is asking the three countries to ensure the safety of the victims, share information and cooperate in the investigation, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity

Pirates attacked the "Idaten" in the Malacca Strait on Monday night and kidnapped two Japanese — the captain and chief engineer — and a Filipino engineer.

## **States**

Big Dig leaks: The independent engineering specialist who led an investigation into leaks at Boston's \$14.6 billion Big Dig project says he can no longer vouch for the



Beauty gueen on trial: Sharron Nicole Redmond demonstrates how she held the gun when she shot Kevin Shorter as she backed away in her car, during her testimony Monday in Savannah, Ga. Redmond, 23, is charged with murdering Shorter in a confrontation outside the home of another woman he was dating, four months after she was crowned Miss Savannah 2003. She has admitted firing the gun, but claims it was in self-defense.

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The project buried Interstate 93 underneath downtown Boston and connected the Massachusetts Turnpike to Logan Interna-

Engineer Jack K. Lemley said new infor-mation has surfaced that more than 40 large sections of tunnel wall contain construction defects and that fireproofing material has been damaged by leaks.

Gary Condit lawsuit: Former California congressman Gary Condit has won an undisclosed sum of money and an apology from writer Dominick Dunne over his claims about the lawmaker's role in the 2001 disappearance of intern Chandra Levy, according to media reports.

In a statement. Dunne said he did "not say or intend to imply that Mr. Condit was complicit in her disappearance, and to the extent my comments may have been misin-terpreted, I apologize for them," The Sacramento Bee reported.

Suspicious bomb attack: Prosecutors have decided against a retrial of a former medical examiner accused of staging a bi-

zarre bomb attack against himself A mistrial was declared March 1 after three weeks of testimony against former Shelby County Medical Examiner Dr. O.C. Smith in Memphis, Tenn. The jury deadlocked 9-3 for acquittal.

Smith was found in a county morgue stair-

well in June 2002 with his feet, hands and head wrapped in barbed wire and a bomb hung around his neck. Smith said he was attacked by an unknown assailant who threw a caustic chemical in his face. Investigators eventually concluded the attack was staged.

Prison hostages trial: An inmate defending himself against charges he raped a guard and held her captive in a prison watchtower in Phoenix for 15 days questioned prospective jurors about whether they had seen the hostage crisis on televi-

Ricky Wassenaar, 41, who is serving time for armed robbery and assault, is charged with sexual assault, kidnapping, assault and attempted murder

Scott Peterson conviction: Scott Peterson's lawyers said in court papers that newly discovered evidence could have spared the former fertilizer salesman from a death sentence in the slaying of his pregnant wife

Defense lawyer Mark Geragos said prosecutors withheld evidence that a state prison inmate claimed he heard that Laci Peterson had interrupted a burglary at a neighbor's home in Modesto on Dec. 24, 2002 — the day she disappeared. Scott Peterson claims he went fishing that day, and Geragos says the tip "points to the conclusion that Laci was alive after Scott left for the day.

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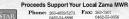
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Jorge Cristobal, a Marine veteran from Guam who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and took part in the retaking of Guam, concludes his speech with a prayer Monday.

# Lawmakers meet vets in Guam Field dedicated to baseball-playing WWII Marine

BY FRANK WHITMAN

Special to Stars and Stripes

GUAM — A congressional delegation stopped in Guam on its way back to Washington from the Iwo Jima ceremonies marking the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. While in Guam they honored veterans and listened to their concerns.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., and Rep. Lane Evans, D-Ill., accompanied Del. Madeleine Bordallo, D-Guam, to her home district Saturday evening and left Monday morning. Evans is the House Committee on Veterans Affairs' senior member.

Before they left Monday, the members of Congress took part in a morning wreath-laying ceremony at the Guam War Memortal. During the ceremony at the San Bag Overdook in the War in the Pacific is National Historical Park, the delegation presented Gov. Felix Camachow with a House resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of Guam's liberation, which was celebrated July 21.

Sunday, the legislators toured U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and the Veterans Clinic. They met with the hospital command to discuss recently announced plans for a new hospital, which is to include an expanded section to serve local veterans.

"We're very optimistic that come 2008, when the new facility's finished, it's going to be the best of both worlds," said Issa of the hospital's projected dual role in serving both veterans and active-duty personnel. In addition to expanded veterans facilities, the hospital is to include separate base access of heightened base-entry security measures during the war on terrorism.

After the hospital tour, Bordallo hosted a forum to

permit representatives of local veterans' groups to voice their concerns. Although complaints have been voiced about the hospital's veterans clinic being perennially short-staffed — it lacks a full-time physician the discussion focused primarily on health care bene-

"We're out here mainly for the health care situation," Bordallo said. "Since I've been elected, this has been the main concern of the veterans. They're just not pleased with the services at the Naval Hospital clinic."

Catly Illarmo of the Guam Veterans Center said she hopes to see a staffing increase, particularly the addition of a family therapist, to improve services to children and families. The center, part of the Department of Veterans affairs, does readjustment counseling for combat veterans. "Right now we are a staff of three," she said. "Myself as the team leader, I'm a clinical social worker doing administrative activities. We have one counselor and one office man-

The delegation also attended the dedication of a village baseball field named to honor the memory of a Washington, D.C., Marine who served in Guam from Washington, D.C., Marine who served in Guam from the battle at Iwo Jima. A high school standour, Jimmy Trimble had been invited to play professional baseball and while in Guam pitched for the 3rd Marine Division baseball team.

The ceremony at the Baza Gardens Trimble Baseball Field also was attended by local officials, Guam veterans, members of the armed forces stationed in Guam and about a dozen veterans who were returning from Iwo Jima, including one Marine who had served with Trimble and another who said he built the field in Yona Village on which the Marines played

# E-2 repair shop opens at Atsugi

BY JULIANA GITTLER

NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSU-GI, Japan — A new repair facility created by Naval Air Pacific Repair Activity and the Japanese firm Nippi Corp. opened last week that allows the Navy to do regular maintenance on E-2C Hawkeye aircraft in Japan, sav-

ing valuable time and cost.

In the past, certain scheduled aircraft maintenance—similar to a tune-up—had to be done in the United States. The E-2s based at Atsugi were loaded on a ship and sent to Naval Air Depot North Island in San Diego for the maintenance, called Planned Maintenance,

nance Interval 2.

Losing the aircraft diminished the squadron's ability.

"There's a shortage of them in the Navy," said Cmdr. Murph Borno, NAPRA commander. "It's very hard to find replacement air-

craft."
The aircraft now can receive PMI-2 literally outside the gates at Atsugi, where Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 115, part of Carrier Air Wing 5, is

Nippi's hangar abuts Atsugi's fence, so aircraft can be towed right into the repair hangar.

"It's [a] big time saver and a big cost saver," said Tommy Rogers, NAPRA's E-2C logistics management specialist.

Nippi Corp. already performs another major scheduled maintenance, called PMI-1, which checks the aircraft for corrosion and other physical damage.

PMI-2 tests the delicate electronics and other systems on the E-2C, an airborne early-warning aircraft with sophisticated detection and surveillance equipment.

The new facility means both types of maintenance can be performed in Japan, the only place outside the United States with that capability.

"It's significant that it's here because this is where the customer is," Borno said. "This allows us to keep all the aircraft in the theater."

Nippi is suited for the job, Borno said. Nippi's parent company, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, performs the same type of maintenance on Japanese military

It took more than a year to set up the new facility. The Navy had to purchase an electronics testing system for Nippi, and employees underwent training on the new processes, Borno said.

"There was a lot of logistics in

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## E-2 Hawkeye

■ The Navy's all-weather, carrier-based tactical battle management airborne early warning, command and control aircraft.

■ The E-2 performs surface surveillance coordination, air interdiction, offensive and defensive counter air control, close air support coordination, time-critical strike coordination, search and rescue airborne coordination and communications relav.

■ An integral component of the Carrier Strike Group air wing, the E-2C uses computerized radar, Identification Friend or Foe and electronic surveillance sensors to provide early warning, threat analysis against potentially hostile air and surface targets.

Since its launch in 1964, the Hawkeye has been the "eyes of the fleet." The latest version, the E-2C, became operational in 1973.

■ The \$80 million twin-engine aircraft is approximately 57 feet, 6 inches long with an 80-feet, 7-inch wingspan and weighs a minimum of 40,200 means.

■ It is most notable for a 24-foot-diameter radar rotodome attached to the upper fu-

The E-2C squadron in the Western Pacific is Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 115, the Liberty Bells, part of Carrier Air Wing 5.

#### Biting into something sweet



Four-year-old Hiromi Dorgan, left, bites into a fresh strawberry during the U.S.-Japan Goodwill Society's trip Friday to a strawberry field ne Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan. Children from Atsugi's Child Development Center were allowed to pick and eat strawberries from the Otsuka Strawberry Farm The farms regularly allow visitors to pick their own strawberries.

JOHN E. WOODS Courtesy of the U.S. Navy



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and St

A Shinto ceremony was held at the Nippi Corp. on Thursday to launch a new E-2 repair facility at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, the first U.S. naval facility of its kind overseas.

# 7th Fleet: Serving the U.S. for 62 years

Yokosuka-based command took part in nearly every major 20th-century naval operation

By JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

Little more than a year after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and the Axis powers signed a pact in

Berlin, U.S. naval com mand was formed to control operations in one of the hottest areas of warfare on the



water On March 15. 1943. Vice Adm. Arthur

Carpenter took control of what had been the Southwest Pacific Force, the precursor of the 7th

The fleet today is led by Vice Adm. Jonathan Greenert from aboard the USS Blue Ridge, which celebrated the fleet's 62nd anniversary while on a cruise to South Asia.

The command immediately was pivotal in the World War II Pacific Ocean campaigns and later was heavily involved in the wars in Korea and Vietnam.

After Iraqi leader Saddam Hus sein invaded Kuwait, President George H.W. Bush added opera tional responsibility for the Middle East to the responsibilities of 7th Fleet Commander Vice Adm. Henry H. Mauz Jr. for nearly a year before the 5th Fleet was set up to take control of that region.

Navy's largest U.S. numbered "We have an impressive record



USS Blue Ridge returns from a cruise to its home port of Yokosuka Naval Base. The Blue Ridge, part of the 7th Fleet, celebrated the fleet's 62nd anniversary while on a cruise to South Asia.

of being part of nearly every major naval operation of the 20th century," Greenert, on the Blue Ridge, stated in a written news release. "We're not resting on our past accomplishments now, espe-

cially not in today's world. The Seventh Fleet now is the

fleet with the largest geographical area of operations The command, based at Yoko

suka Naval Base, Japan, has more than 40 ships, 120 aircraft and 20 000 sailors and Marines It includes the USS Kitty Hawk. Kitty Hawk Strike Group, Carrier Wing 5 and the Essex Amphibious Ready Group.

The fleet's ships are involved in exercises with forces from a dozen countries in the Pacific and Indian oceans each year, including one with South Korea scheduled for this month.

The fleet is also engaged in humanitarian work. After a deadly earthquake unleashed devastating tsunamis in south Asia on Dec. 26, the 7th Fleet took the first steps in Operation Unified

Assistance, among history's largest humanitarian relief efforts.

Ships supporting that operation included included the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group, USS Bonhomme Richard

and Expeditionary Strike Group 5, USS Essex, USS Fort McHenry and the USNS Mercy hospital

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#### History of the 7th Fleet

■ March 15, 1943, a new command is created and takes part in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines under Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur, supreme commander, Southwest Pacific Area. ■ After the war, in 1947, the fleet becomes Naval Forces Western

■ Before the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, the force is designat-

On Feb 11, 1950, the force becomes the U.S. 7th Fleet

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# 5 killed in 3 car bombings across Baghdad

## GI among dead; Kurds, Shiites agree to convene new parliament

The Associated Pres:

BAGHDAD bombs exploded in Baghdad, killing at least five people, police said, as Kurdish and Shiite leaders agreed to convene Irag's new parliament on Wednesday, de spite their apparent failure to iron out some wrinkles in their deal to form a coalition govern-

ment A U.S. soldier was killed by a car bomb in Baghdad and another six were wounded, but the military did not say if it was one of the three attacks reported by Iraqi police and eyewitnesses - one of which had targeted an American military convoy

The car bomb targeting a U.S. military convoy exploded on a road about 500 yards from the main avenue leading to Baghdad's international airport, police Capt. Thamir Talib said.

Four civilians were killed and seven were wounded, including two police officers, he said. The explosion took place in the Amel neighborhood about six miles

In a report unconfirmed by U.S. officials, witnesses said some U.S. troops were also wounded. When U.S. forces arrived on the scene to evacuate them, another bomb exploded, wounding more troops. One Humvee was destroyed and two civilian cars were in flames, witnesses said.

A U.S. military spokesman said he was checking into the report, but never replied.

A later statement issued by the U.S. military said a soldier were killed an injured at 10 a.m., about the same time of the reported attack. It said that "several local nationals and one Iragi policeman were also wounded." The soldier's name was withheld pending notification of next of kin, it said

Another suicide car bomb exploded in northeastern Baghdad. killing one child and wounding at least four people, including a police officer, police Col. Muhanad Sadoun said. The bomber was trying to hit a traffic police patrol but crashed into a tree, Sadoun said.

Separately, a U.S. Marine with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force died Monday in Anbar, a troubled province that has been a hothed of guerrilla activity and includes the cities of Fallujah, Ramadi and Qaim, officials said



Iragis look over a burning truck south of Baghdad on Tuesday. Some witnesses reported that the truck was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade while traveling with a U.S. military convoy.

Also on Tuesday, Shiite offi-cials said they failed to reach final agreement in talks with both the Kurds and the country's Sunni Arab community. But those failures were not enough to prevent the 275-member National As-

sembly from convening. Talks with Sunni Arabs focused on naming a parliament speaker for the 275-member National Assembly that is to convene for the

first time since Jan. 30 elections. It remained unclear if they would present a candidate Wednesday.

"The Kurds want to make some amendments on the deal and we are going to finish soon. Thursday to be exact. We do not want to impose any name from our side regarding the post of the parliament speaker. We want the Sunnis to nominate some persons for this post, but till now they have not done this," alliance member Ali al-Dabagh told The Associated Press after talks with Sunni lead-

Sunni Arabs, who make up only about 20 percent of the population but were the dominant group under Saddam's regime, largely stayed away from the elections either to honor a boycott call or because they feared being at-

tacked at the polls by insurgents. They are thought to make up the core of the insurgency and in cluding Sunni Arabs in a future government or in the political process is seen as a way to isolate the militants

In northern Iraq, insurgents blew up an oil pipeline that connects the Kirkuk oil fields with a refinery in Beiji, according to an official in the northern Oil Company. The pipeline is used only to pipe oil domestically, said the official, who asked not to be named. He did not have details on the extent of the damage

On Monday, the government said security forces in Saddam Hussein's hometown captured two of the ousted dictator's rela tives, who allegedly were helping insurgents launch attacks in Iraq.

The two were identified as one-time Saddam bodyguard Marwan Taher Abdul Rashid and his cousin, Abdullah Maher Abdul Rashid - who also was the brother-in-law of Saddam's son, Ousai, state-run Iraqiya television re



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# **Commander vows progress in Afghanistan**

By STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The new operational commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan promised Tuesday to protect the country's parliamentary elections in the fall and played down the unsuccessful hunt for Osama bin Laden and other top al-Qaida and Tailban leaders.

Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya took command of the 18,000-strong U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan as American troops based in Europe rotate into the country ahead of parliamentary elections expected in September.

mentary elections expected in september.

"We will continue to focus our energy,
No. 1, on supporting the government of Afghanistan's vision," Kamiya told reporters

Kamiya, new leader of U.S.-led coalition, puts emphasis on elections, not bin Laden

at Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul. "We have the election coming up ... and that will be one of any major features."

be one of our major focuses."
Afghanistan last year passed a new constitution and held a landmark presidential election won in a landslide by Hamid Karzai despite threats from Taliban militants to disrupt the ballot.

U.S. commanders say their operations helped prevent attacks on the vote. Since then, troops increasingly have focused on supporting local officials and encouraging reconstruction.

However, fugitives such as bin Laden and Taliban chief Mullah Omar remain at large, as hundreds of militants still mount ambushes and bombings.

"The success of this mission should not be predicated upon the amount of fugitives or threat groups we remove," Kamiya said. "Instead, it should be focused on increasing the capacity, increasing the reach of

the Afghan central government."
Kamiya, the commander of the Vicenza, Italy-based Southern European Task Force (Airborne), took over from Maj.

Gen. Eric Olson of the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division at a ceremony in an aircraft hangar that also was attended by the overall U.S. commander in Afghanistan,

Li. Gen. David Barno.
Barno sugested that the insurgency
maintained by Taliban-led militants was
losing steam. The Afghan and American
governments would decide whether U.S.
military bases such as Bagram, which is
being equipped with a new runway, would
become permanent, Barno said, but he
added that it was too early to say when U.S.

troop levels might fall.

"We'll be assessing that as the security situation changes, as it gets better potentially, as the Afghan national army and police continue to grow and be more effective,"



# **GAO: Iraq has fewer trained troops**

## Audit agency says U.S. has been overstating figures and progress

BY MARK MAZZETTI Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - U.S. commanders and Bush administration officials are overstating the number of Iraqi security forces on duty, providing an inaccurate picture of the training mission that is the U.S. military's "exit strategy" in Iraq, a government audit agency reported Monday.

The Pentagon in its latest figures said 142,000 Iraqis had been trained as police and soldiers. But Government Accountability Office said that figure included tens of thousands of Iraqi policemen who left their jobs with no explanation

The GAO also said the State Department six months ago ceased providing government auditors with information about the number of Iraqi troops issued flak vests, weapons and communications equipment.

The unreliability of the data coming from Baghdad makes it difficult to provide an accurate accounting of the billions of dollars the U.S. government is spending to train and equip Iraq's army and police force, a GAO official told a congressional committee

Without reliable information, Congress may find it difficult to judge how federal funds are achieving the goal of transferring security responsibilities to the Ira-Joseph A. Christoff, the GAO's director of international affairs and trade, told the House Government Reform subcommittee on international relations.

Although the Defense Department has conducted several inter-nal evaluations of the U.S. training mission in Iraq, the GAO is the first government agency to challenge as inflated the figures the Pentagon uses to chart the progress of Iraqi troops.

Specifically, the GAO criticized the Pentagon's decision to in-clude in its totals of trained and equipped Iraqi troops "tens of thousands" of police officers absent without leave. The most recent Pentagon figures show near-ly 82,000 Iraqis have gone through U.S. police training.

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Joseph A. Christoff

"If you are reporting AWOLs in num bers. I think there's some inaccuracy in your re-

porting," Christoff after the hearing The

progress of the training mission has become a no

litically charged issue, with Democrats in Congress charging that the Bush administration is misrepresenting the number trained Iragis at work

During confirmation hearings for Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, senators challenged her assertion that the Pentagon had trained more than 120,000 Iraqi policemen and soldiers. That number, they said, included more than 50,000 police officers who were given as little as three weeks of basic training.

"Time and again this adminis-tration has tried to leave the American people with the impression that Iraq has well over 100,000 fully trained, fully competent military police and personnel. And that is simply not true," Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told Rice.

'We're months, probably years away from reaching our target

At Monday's hearing, Defense Department officials defended the practice of including in the official totals policemen who

> gone Un-AWOL. like Iraqi soldiers, uney said, police officers do not sleep in barracks and are not closely tracked by the Interior Ministry.

GAO director of international affairs officials said and trade policemen

often must leave their units and return to their hometowns when they are paid, in order to ensure that the money gets to their fami

For these reasons, officials said, the total figures for Iraqi policemen are less accurate than the numbers for Iraqi soldiers.

"It's a less precise accounting, and that's the nature of the busi-ness we're in," said Rear Adm. ness we're in, William D. Sullivan of the Penta-gon's Joint Staff. The total number of trained and equipped po-licemen "doesn't represent the numbers that are actually in the

According to Pentagon figures, more than 142,000 soldiers and policemen have been trained and equipped, with the goal being 271,000 trained by July 2006.

## 45-day jail term for GI whose acts hurt Iragis

BY ANGELA K. BROWN The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas -Army platoon leader was sen-tenced Tuesday to 45 days in jail for his role in the forcing of three Iraqi civilians into the Tigris River at gunpoint for violating curfew. Investigators say one of the Iraqis drowned.

Army 1st Lt. Jack Saville also must forfeit \$2,000 of his military salary per month for six months, military judge Col. The-odore Dixon ruled.

The 25-year-old West Point graduate could have gotten 9½

years in prison. He pleaded guilty Monday to assault and other crimes in one incident, and was convicted Tuesday of an assault charge in a second

Reading from a statement during the sentencing phase of his trial, Saville apologized and said: "I desperately wish to re-main in the Army. It has given me more than I could ever imag-

He will be allowed to remain in the Army. Saville laughed when sol-

diers under his command threw one of the Iraqis into the Tigris, saying they had a bet with another platoon over who would do that first, a former soldier testified Tuesday.

Saville did not give the order to throw the civilian into the river that day in December 2003 near Balad, but he knew his platoon sergeant had or-dered the soldiers to detain a random Iraqi, former servicemember Terry Bowman testi-fied. The Iraqi survived.

Defense attorney Frank Spinner said the government's two witnesses did not provide evi-dence to convict Saville on a charge of aggravated assault, saying that knowing about an incident does not constitute aiding and abetting.

Saville had been charged with manslaughter in the report-ed death of one of the Iragis but that charge — along with counts of conspiracy and lying to investigators — was dropped in a plea deal. Defense lawyers

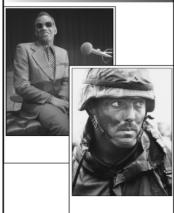
maintained the Iraqi survived.

Monday's deal included an agreement by Saville to testify against a higher-ranking officer accused of ordering him and other soldiers to execute cer-tain Iraqi suspects if they

Saville said Capt. Matthew Cunningham, his company commander, gave him the names of five Iraqis who "were not to come back alive" if they were caught during raids in Sa marra on Jan. 3, 2004, Cunningham, stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., is under investigation for allegedly giving illegal orders to kill Iraqi detainees, said Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington, a Fort Hood spokesman. Saville's co-defendant, Staff Sgt. Tracy Perkins, was concted of assault and obstruc-

tion of justice. He was sen-tenced to six months.

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## Army secretary: No plans to alter number of troops

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan - The Army's civilian lead-er made his first visit Tuesday to a country where thousands of soldiers have fought the war on ter-

ror the last four years. Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey, who took office on Nov. 19, said he was visiting to see the troops in theater and talk with local commanders to make sure they had what they needed

Asked about troop levels in Afghanistan and Iraq, he seemed to indicate that no immediate changes were planned.

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"There's not a timetable on troops in either theater," he said. "It depends on conditions." Harvey spoke to a small group

of reporters just after Lt. Gen. David Barno, the top U.S. com-mander in Afghanistan, had answered a few questions. Barno, expected to give up his

command early next month, said coalition forces had achieved many successes across the board" in the last year. He said there were fewer at-

tacks on coalition forces in February than in any other month in the last two years. He said he expects that to change somewhat in April and May as the weather im-proves, allowing anti-coalition forces more mobility.

Asked about the possibility of permanent American bases in country, Barno pointed to re-marks that Afghan President Hamid Karzai made during his election campaign about wanting a longterm relationship with the United States.

He said such issues would not be decided by the U.S. military in any case, but by the respective governments of both countries.

# Debate aside, women know combat roles

## Like male GIs, females thrive amid war stresses

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FALCON, Iraq — Army Capt. Tristan Vasquez of the 127th Military Police Company isn't too fazed by the debate over what roles women should play in com-

The 25-year-old officer from Cody, Wyo., already has a Bronze Star Medal on her résumé for valor under fire during an ambush in northwest Baghdad in August. Just days later, she helped repel an insurgent attack on the Al-Shoula Iraqi Police Station, which brought an additional commenda-

'We joke around all the time and say there are no women in combat," she said. "That's all right, though. We know what we

Vasquez, a platoon leader for the unit that functions in Iraq under the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division, is among several women who fill vital roles within the company as it natrols Baghdad. It might not be classified as combat but, for the last 11 months, women certainly worked on the front lines.

"They say it's an asymmetrical battlefield," said Capt. Kevin Han-rahan, of Whitman, Mass., the 127th Military Police Company commander. "Women are not sup posed to be in combat. The fact of the matter is they are in combat. Sitting in the rear Humvee of a

three-vehicle convoy that day in August, Vasquez said they were headed to the Al-Gazzilia Iraqi Police Station — one of 19 the company monitors — when her driver noticed something odd.

"My driver, she es, "There's no cars on the road. Vasquez said.

"That's when we had [a rocket-pro-pelled grenade] grenade] land in the lead ve hicle and another go underneath the middle vehicle One struck my win-dow right where my head is. Another went over the back hatch.

'I'm very thankful for our ar- says of Iraq: "You witness a rot mored vehicle. It of scary stuff you never want to saved my life, see again." saved my driver's

life and probably saved my gunner from either death or dismemberment.'

Under constant gunfire in the 140-degree heat, Vasquez and others fought for nearly 90 minutes.



PHOTOS BY VINCE LITTLE/Sto

Army Capt. Tristan Vasquez, 25, of Cody, Wyo., a platoon leader for the 127th Military Police Company at Forward Operating Base Falcon earned a Bronze Star for her actions during an ambush in Baghdad.

They treated wounded soldiers and worked to save a gunner trapped under a flipped Humvee. They ultimately freed him, but he later died from his injuries

Six members of Vasquez's pla-toon earned commendations with

"It's amazing what soldiers can

she said. "They're incrediindividuals. put them under so many different kinds of stresses. They do

an amazing jo First Lt. Sara Skinner, 27, of Vas-sar, Mich., another platoon leader, who's on her second tour of Iraq, received the Purple Heart after sustaining shrapnel wounds to her neck and right arm from a mortar attack in early

November. went right through my com-bat patch," Skin-ner said. "It was Army 1st Lt. Amy Clements, 24, of Littleton, Colo., the company's executive officer, not really anysays of Iraq: "You witness a lot thing serious. I've seen so many people seriously in-jured that I feel a

little weird about getting the Purple Heart. First Lt. Amy Clements, 24, of

Littleton, Colo., the company's executive officer, faced similar perils as a platoon leader during the first stage of the unit's deployment. Each time they ventured outside the wire, threats loomed from possible spiner attacks, madside bombs, ambushes, vehicle bombs and suicide hombers

"I faced the same thing they (male soldiers) did for five to six days a week," she said, "You witness a lot of scary stuff you never want to see again. You hope no-body else has to face it, either.

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## Age-old military woe gets twist when couples serve

BASE FALCON, Iraq — Three female Army officers in the 127th Military Police Company symbolize the struggles and sac rifices of dual-military couples around the globe in the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

Except for a few weeks here and there, Capt. Tristan Vasquez, 1st Lt. Amy Clements and 1st Lt. Sara Skinner have essentially been separated from their hus all infantrymen assigned to the 1st Armored Division at Friedberg, Germany for roughly two years.

"People are making sacrifices that no one ever sees," said Capt. Kevin Hanrahan, the 127th Military Police Company command-er. "Not only are they taking part in combat, they're altering their lives by being separated from their husbands. These are true American patriots.

Skinner and her husband, 1st Lt. Bruce Skinner, both gradu-ates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2002, were in Iraq at the same time from June 2003 to March 2004 and found ways to visit each other.

"We had about two months to gether in Germany before I came back here in September, she said. "That's the only two months we've lived together in our marriage.

"But that's pretty normal right now. Lots of military couples are going through the same thing. A lot of people think it's impossi-

Skinner points to soldiers during World War II, who often endured years of separation from spouses.

"We have it a lot better than them. We've got e-mail, phones, regular mail," she added. "Our living conditions are a lot better. Generations before us had it a

Married in March 2003 around the start of the Iraq war, Vasquez and her husband, Jose, a first lieutenant, spent about two weeks together before he was sent to Camp Casey, South Korea. After military police training, she went to Hanau, Ger-

Their naths crossed briefly last year during the 1st Armored Division's three-month extension in Iraq

"It's coming up on

two-year anniversary, and we've lived together for about two months and three weeks total," Tristan Vasquez said. "The rest we've given to the Army Both are slated for a return to

Iraq within the next year, and they've opted to stick with the military for the long haul. "There's a better chance I'll

see my husband here in Iraq than if I stay in Germany," she added. "I'll take the chance."

Clements and her husband. Adam, also a first lieutenant, both graduated from West Point in 2002. Assigned to different bases in Germany, they lived to-gether for about four months before he deployed to Iraq.

"Every time we see each other, it's like a honeymoon. I think we're on our eighth," she

But given the U.S. military's current climate, the three women certainly don't consider themselves unique. The three of us are not the

only ones in dual-military mar-riages," Clements said. "There are a lot of them out there, and they all face these same strug-

gles and hardships. "You just have to keep working for the times you do get to spend together."

- Vince Little

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## IN THE WORLD

# Musharraf: Bin Laden was nearly caught

BY MUNIR AHMAD The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Pakistani security forces came close to capturing Osama bin Laden in an operation about eight to 10 months ago, but the terror mastermind eluded arrest and his trail has since gone cold, Pakistan's president said Tuesday.

Though President Gen Pervez Musharraf did not say where the operation took place, the comment was the first official indication that bin Laden has recently

been in Pakistan. Intelligence officials have said they believe he is hiding in the rugged mountains that straddle the border with Afghanistan.

"There was a time when the dragnet had closed and we thought we knew roughly the

area where he possibly could be," Musharraf said

"That was, I think, some time back ... maybe about eight to 10 months back," he said, adding: "But after that, this is such a game, this intelligence, that they escape. They can move and then you lose contact."

The comments confirmed Pakistani intelligence officials' claims

that the trail of the world's most wanted man has gone cold. Senior officials close to the hunt have told The Associated Press they have received no information on his whereabouts for months and have no indication of

any specific attack he is planning. Musharraf and other Pakistani leaders say the silence is a sign they have destroyed al-Qaida's network here.

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## At least 28 die in prison uprising in Philippines

BY OLIVER TEVES The Associated Press

MANILA Philippines - The Philippines braced for retaliatory attacks after some of the coun try's most hardened terror sus-pects were killed in a failed prison uprising that left 28 people dead, most of them inmates killed in a barrage of bullets as hundreds of police stormed the maximum security facility.

The dead included three leaders and a fourth member of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf, a group notorious for deadly attacks and ransom kidnappings in which hostages have been beheaded.

The crisis began with an Abu Sayyaf suspect snatching a guard's weapon and quickly turned into a prolonged standoff with at least 10 of the group's top suspects leading the rebellious inmates

Three guards and 24 inmates died — 22 in Tuesday's assault to take back the prison. A police officer also was killed, his body dis-covered under debris hours after the operation ended

Sweat-soaked police marksmen filed out of the building after the assault to the applause of bystanders, escorting prisoners stripped to their underwear and with hands clasped behind their heads.

"The terrorists got what was coming to them," Ignacio Bunye,

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press secretary for President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, said in a statement. "The crisis team gave them all the chances to peacefully surrender.

The raid began after authorities gave the inmates a 15-minute deadline to surrender — an ultimatum that came after hours of fruitless negotiations. Six officers were wounded in the assault, which saw some detainees scale down walls inside the compound as thick smoke billowed out.

The inmates had agreed to sur-render after their failed jailbreak Monday, but the deal broke down when they demanded food first, prompting civilian negotiators to leave in frustration.

The bloody assault raised fears of retaliatory attacks. Even as Arroyo congratulated police, an Abu Sayyaf leader warned of repercus-"To you people, you don't have to bring the war to Mindan-ao." Abu Sulaiman told DZBB radio, referring to the Muslim homeland in the south where the military has launched offensives against militants. "We will bring it right into your doorstep." State prosecutor

Medalle, who handles Abu Sayyaf cases, said guards at Camp Bagong Diwa were tipped off about a possible prison break three weeks ago. "Apparently, our warnings were ignored," he

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EMIEW, a child-size robot-on-wheels from Japanese electronics maker Hitachi Ltd., demonstrates its capabili ties - moving its arms, above, and reacting to Hitachi engineer Kenjiro Yamamoto, right — Tuesday in Tokyo. The robot was developed for display at the World Exposition in Aichi, central Japan, which opens this month.



# entertainers

on foreign

**Japan puts** 

restrictions

TOKYO - Foreign entertainers hoping to work in Japan must have two years experience or education in their profession before being granted visas, officials said, as new laws came into effect Tuesday to reduce the flow of foreign women becoming sex work-

ers here. Some 80,000 Filipinos and 50,000 people from other nations enter Japan annually on entertainment visas, which allow a six-month stay. Many of the recipients end up working as bar hostesses or sex workers.

The entertainer visa is intended for professional athletes and performing art specialists, and beginning Tuesday anyone wanting one needs at least two years experience or education in their stated profession to qualify, according to a statement from the Justice Ministry.

Under the old rules, foreigners accredited in their home countries as entertainers had

automatically qualified for a visa. The tougher requirements were met by protest in Manila, which had sought a post-

ponement, but Tokyo refused The plight of millions of Filipino workers abroad is a sensitive issue in the Philip-

pines, which depends on billions of dollars they remit to help prop up the country's economy.

Japan signed the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons in December 2002, but it has been heavily criticized for not doing enough

## Hitachi robot makes delicate debut

BY YURI KAGEYAMA

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Hitachi's robot-on-wheels avoids obstacles, responds to simple voice commands and reads the weather forecast.

But don't get too close just yet.

Reporters invited to a demonstration by the Japanese electronics maker in Tokyo on Tuesday were instructed not to touch the two still-experimental robots for safety's sake. They also were asked not to use a camera flash at certain angles or to cross a white line on the floor.

"This robot has just been developed," explained Hitachi Ltd. official Kazuyoshi "It has barely completed first Miki grade."

The 150-pound, 51-inch-tall robot called EMIEW, which stands for "excellent mobility and interactive existence as workmate," is meant to be man's best

document delivery person and giving directions in buildings, according to Hita-

The machine - with its thick barrel-like abdomen and bubbly head — was developed for display at the World Exposi-tion in Aichi, central Japan, which opens this month. But Hitachi officials said they hope to be renting or selling such robots within five or six years.

Hitachi also plans to use EMIEW's advanced sensory and motor technology in less glamorous industrial robots that the Tokyo-based manufacturer has been developing since the 1960s.

Unlike the trend in other countries such as military robots in the United States, Japan has been keen to develop human-looking service robots that can eas ily interact with people. Automakers Honda Motor Co. and Tovota Motor Corp. have developed human-shaped robots, and electronics maker Entitsu and Sony Corp. also offer home robots.

The two robots shown, nicknamed Pal and Chum, were equipped with digital cameras and radar sensors that allowed them to avoid obstacles in their way with a reaction time of 0.1 second.

They don't have legs but zip around on two wheels at the speed of a slow jog. They appear a bit wobbly but manage to balance themselves and won't fall, even if nudged gently

One showed it can raise its right arm, or left arm, when commanded to do so. It also swiveled in a circle, gave directions to the bathroom and read the weather fore-

"My name is Pal, which means 'friend,' "the mouthless robot said in Japanese in a soft electronic voice.

Its hands open and close so it can con-

ceivably grasp objects, although it didn't pick up anything or otherwise display dexterity at the demonstration

## Despite risk from volcano, residents come back to Miyake Island

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press MIYAKE ISLAND, Japan -As the sleepy-eyed passengers aboard the SS Sarubia gather

their bags and disembark after a seven-hour crossing from Tokyo, they are greeted by a warning that reverberates from a network of loudspeakers ringing the is-

"Gas masks must be carried on your person at all times," they hear, over and over. "Listen for further updates

Tiny Miyake is the exposed tip of an active volcano. As the skies grow lighter, the islanders find themselves standing under a plume of white smoke and pungent sulfuric gas that roils silently upward and out over the sea.

Four and a half years ago, the nearly 4,000 people on this resort island 120 miles south of Tokyo were evacuated when the volcano at its center, 17 years dormant, exploded back to life. As the eruptions and mudslides

of September 2000 intensified, the government ordered everyone onto ships that ferried them to evacuation centers in Tokyo Some 500 homes were destroyed. There were no deaths.

What awaited the islanders, however, was limbo.

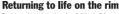
With the months dragging into vears and the volcanic outbursts showing no sign of subsiding, they found themselves not know ing when - or even if - they might return.

Last month, the government gave in and lifted the evacuation

But no one is saying the island is safe. Japan is notoriously vulnerable to seismic disaster — an earthquake in 1923 killed some 140,000 people in and around Tokyo.

Undaunted, Natsumi Maeda sits alone at her desk in the Miyake Island Tourism Association and prepares for the crowds she knows will be flocking back come spring. Mivake used to get about 80.000 each year. From now on they'll have to carry gas masks.

Divers and fishermen are definitely going to return. And I hon-



Residents from Japan's volcanic Miyake Island are returning home more than four years after the July 2000 eruption, even though the volcano continues to belch smoke and poisonous gas,

Population: Mivake Island Volcano gas status\* 3,829 (Sept. 2000) at a glance As of Feb. 9 Entrance prohibited Izu and Volcano Oyama's Hazardous rvarniiSUKI area: 1,234 height: 2,686 feet -- Gas Recorded eruptions: 12 in Tsubota the past 500 years area: Major eruptions: \*\*\*\* sted 25 days: 11 died Ako July 2000 - all = 100 people

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residents

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estly think people will want to come here to see our volcano said Maeda, one of the first islanders to return

She accepts that some parts of the island may never recover. Roughly half of Miyake cluding the crater of Mount Oyama, the volcano, and almost all of the island's inland areas remains off-limits.

It's no problem here," Maeda said of the area around the pier "But there are places that look like they are eternally in winter. All gray and dead."

Oyama is first known to have erupted in 1085. Though lava flows from previous eruptions are a common sight, its latest activity has consisted more of explosive bursts that send fine ash, smoke and gas skyward. It now spews out 3,000 to 10,000 tons of potentially deadly sulfur dioxide each

day.

That makes the reopening of Miyake all the more controver-sial. An elaborate network of measurement devices, loudspeakers and warning lights lines the two-lane road around Miyake.

But the 300 or so residents who have returned since the evacuation order was lifted Feb. 1 tend to play down the whole thing.

The gas is really the only problem. We just have to learn to live with it," Maeda said. "If you're up-wind, you're OK. And you can always close your doors.

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Members of a hazardous material team walk from the Pentagon on Monday after test results detected the presence of chemical or biological agents at the Pentagon's mail delivery building. Officials shut down the facility, which is in a separate building on the northwest side of the Pentagon grounds. Another nearly facility that handles mail for the Pentagon also was shut down.

# **Anthrax suspected at Pentagon**

BY LAURA MECKLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of postal workers were offered antibiotics Tuesday and many were taking them after initial tests detected anthrax in a pair of military mailrooms. Nobody reported symptoms of the disease as officials awaited results of further testing.

Three mail facilities were closed — two that serve the Pentagon and one in Washington that handles mail on its way to the military as well as all federal offices in the area.

In more than three years since the 2001 anthrax-by-mail attacks, there have been scores of initial tests that falsely reported anthrax in government mailrooms. In this case, however, the bacteria were detected separately in two different mailrooms, raising concerns and invoking memories of the attacks that killed five and panicked Americans still raw from the Sept. 11 attacks.

Law enforcement officials have yet to make any arrests in that investigation. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday the case "remains a priority, remains under investigation."

Asked about suspicious results this week, McClellan said initial anthrax testing was positive, secondary testing was negative but "we're still waiting on more definitive results." He added that President Bush was being kept informed about events.

Officials said all mail that passes through the facilities is irradiated, so any anthrax should have been inert when it triggered alarms.

No criminal case has been opened in response to the initial testing this week, an FBI official said Tuesday as officials worked to figure out if actual anthrax was present.

Environmental testing was being conducted on the two military mail locations and at the District of Columbia facility, which was closed Tuesday because it handles mail that

is forwarded to the others.
Follow-up tests were being conducted at
the U.S. Army Research Institute for Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md. They

could take up to three days to complete.

In addition, about 260 people were tested for anthrax exposure at the Pentagon site, officials said. These exposure tests are conducted to help learn whether anthrax was present at the site, rather than to diagnose

any individual.

As a precaution, antibiotics were offered
to all workers at the D.C. facility, about 200
total, and to workers at the military mailrooms, about 280 at the facility on the Pentagon grounds in Arlington, Va., and 40 more
at a satellite facility several miles away in
Fairfax County, Va.

Most of the 200 postal service workers offered the drugs were taking them, said spokesman Gerry McKiernan, though he did not have a precise count.

## Clinton home after surgery

NEW YORK — Former President Clinton left the hospital after minor surgery, saying he was "very grateful" to his medical team and "deeply" appreciated the thousands of get-well messages sent to him.

"I'm glad to be home and look forward to getting back to work within the next month or so," Clinton said in a statement issued Monday by his spokesman, Jim Kennedy.

The 42nd president's recovery was proceeding normally, and he has begun walking each day, Kenndey said. He is expected to remain at home in Chappaqua, about 40 miles north of Manhattan, for the next four to six weeks.

Clinton underwent surgery last week to remove scar tissue and fluid around his left lung. His medical problem developed after his heart bypass surgery six months ago.

Doctors described the operation as a low-risk procedure to relieve a problem that crops up in only a fraction of 1 percent of bypass cases. They said the combination of fluid and scar tissue had reduced Clinton's left lung capacity by 25 percent.

#### 'Desperate,' not indecent

WASHINGTON — Indecency critics were thrown for a loss by federal regulators Monday over their complaints about ABC's racy "Monday Night Football" skit in November featuring actress Nicollette Sheridan and football star Terrell Owens.

The Federal Communications Commission concluded "the episode is not sufficiently explicit or graphic to be deemed indecent."

The segment, aired before the Philadelphia Eagles-Dallas Cowboys game, began with Eagles wide receiver Owens in a locker room with "Desperate Housewives" star Sheridan dressed in only a towel.

Sheridan coyly asked Owens to skip the upcoming game. When he declined, she dropped the towel and was shown from behind from the waist up.

From The Associated Press

# WorldCom's Ebbers guilty on all counts

BY ERIN MCCLAM The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bernard Ebbers, who built WorldCom from a humble Mississippi long-distance firm into a telecommunications titan, was convicted Tuesday of engineering the colossal accounting fraud that sank the company.

A federal jury in Manhattan deliberated eight days before returning guilty verdicts on one count of conspiracy, one count of securities fraud and seven counts of false regulatory filipse – crimes carrying up to 85 years in prison.

When the verdict was read,

When the verdict was read, Ebbers' face reddened. His wife, Christie, and other family members broke into tears.

Sentencing was set for June 13.
The conviction comes more than two years after an internal auditor began asking questions about curious accounting at WorldCom, touching off a scan-

dal that eventually unearthed \$11 billion in cooked books.

Prosecution testimony at the six-week trial portrayed Ebbers, 63, as obsessed with keeping WorldCom's stock price high, and panicked about \$400 million in personal loans that were backed by his shares in the company.

Ebbers himself took the witness stand late in the trial, insisting that he was unfamiliar with the details of accounting and knew nothing about the fraud taking place on his watch.

The star witness against him

was Scott Sullivan, the former finance chief, who claimed Ebbers repeatedly ordered him to "hit our numbers" — a command, Sullivan said, to falsify the books to work Well Street wreathing.

meet Wall Street expectations.
Sullivan, who himself has pleaded guilty to fraud, admitted to essentially masterminding the
fraud — but said he did it on the
clear instructions of Ebbers, who
ignored his repeated pleas that
the adjustments were wrong.



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# Atlanta shooting suspect appears before magistrate

BY BILL POOVEY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Surrounded by 19 officers in a cinder-block jail room, the suspect in a rampage that left a judge and three others dead went before a magistrate Tuesday and was informed that authorities plan to charge him with murder.

Brian Nichols, his hands and ankles shackled, appeared before Cobb County Magistrate Judge Frank Cox on the same rape charge that he was on trial for Friday when he escaped from anoth-

Nichols spoke only once at the hearing, when Cox asked him if he had any questions.

"Not at this time," he said. Officers lined the walls of the

room during Tuesday's hearing. Authorities said Nichols had been alone with a female deputy Friday when he stole her gun and then shot to death the judge presiding over his rape case and two

He also is accused of killing a federal agent as he eluded police. Security cameras had been rolling Friday morning as Nichols a former college linebacker who

had been found in court earlier in

homemade knives in his shoes — overpowered deputy Cynthia Hall as the 5-foot-tall officer escorted him to his rape trial. No one was monitoring the cameras. Authorities said

Authorities said Nichols escaped the courthouse in a Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority train. They said he took the train north to a pricey neighborhood where he allegedly gunned down a federal agent.

"I don't understand why they didn't

have the MARTA staked out," said Maryanne Fry, a neighbor of slain immigration agent David Wilhelm. "I really wish they had."

As Nichols vanished from the courthouse, investigators focused on finding the car they believed he was in. Thirteen hours later, the car was found in the same parking garage where it was carjacked minutes after the shoot-

MARTA spokeswoman Jocelyn

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Baker said investigators are still reviewing surveillance videos for evidence that Nichols was on a

commuter train.

Cox was brought in to hear the case after all the judges in Fution County excused themselves because of their relationships with Judge Rowland Barnes and the

other victims.

Officials declared a mistrial in Nichols' second rape trial Monday. His first trial was a mistrial

# Bidding finished on alleged 9/11 Pentagon flag

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — An American flag said to have been hanging from a construction crane at the Pentagon during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack received a final bid of \$371,300 on eBay Monday, but the cancer patient auctioning it said it could have brought

more money.

David Nicholson, 44, of Orange,
Va., auctioned the flag to raise
money for highly specialized treatment for his kidney cancer. But he
said the construction company that
gave him the flag questioned its authenticity during the 10-day online
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Nicholson said Monday evening, referring to Maryland-based Facchina Construction Co.'s claims it did
not have a crane at the Pentagon

on Sept. 11.

As part of the auction, Nicholson was giving a letter of authenticity signed by a site supervisor with Facchina Construction.

During the auction, an attorney for Facchina sent a letter to eBay stating that it did not have a crane on site Sept. 11, it did not issue a certificate of authenticity and did not authorize any certificate.

The auction was allowed to continue after Nicholson faxed eBay a copy of the letter.

Nicholson said he hoped the high bidder, Todd Schimmel, of Mound, Minn., would go through

with the purchase. In May 2002, Nicholson owned an auction house in Orange where he found the flag tucked away among several boxes of debris from a Pentagon site under construction when the terrorist attack occurred. The flag was featured on

several major news networks.

When he learned he had an aggressive form of kidney cancer
Nicholson decided to sell the flag

richolson decided to sen the flag to defray medical costs. "I've got to do what I've got to do," Nicholson said. "Maybe that's why I found the flag."



# Study: Diversity missing in state government

BY MATT SMITE The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - Blacks and Hispanics have no trouble getting tapped to lead civil rights commissions, but the same can't be said when it comes to other top-ranking state government jobs nation-

wide, a new study shows. "I don't know if I would call it tokenism as I would occupational segregation, said report author Judith Saidel, director of the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society at the State University of New York at Albany.

Titled "Democracy Unrealized," the study notes the 2000 U.S. Census showed tion's population, but just 16 percent held key appointed policy positions in state governments in 2004.

"There's a number of possible reasons at play here," Saidel said. "We are in a post-affirmative action period. In general, there's a climate less supportive of proactive efforts to identify people of color for various positions

Michael King, an Atlanta resident and member of the national conservative black group Project 21, said the report, out last month, seemed like it was "engineered to justify an argument.

He noted that with battles ongoing over affirmative action in California, Michigan and Georgia, there is "no logical way you can call this a post-affirmative action period

King also disputed the suggestion that any advancement by minorities has stopped. "When you look at the number of individuals across the nation both in elective and appointed office, the numbers are certainly increasing," he said.

The report looked only at states where minority groups totaled five percent or more of the population.

Leadership jobs referred specifically to agency commissioner or gubernatorial adviser

While blacks made up 12 percent of the U.S. population in 2000, they held 10 per-

cent of the state government policy-lead er posts last year. Blacks held an equitable share of lead-

ership jobs in 11 of 29 states surveyed.

Those states include: Indiana, Massa chusetts, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ten-

nessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. Asian Americans and American Indians, who made up a combined 5 percent of the population in the 2000 Census, held just 2 percent of the top posts in 2004, the report said, a finding Saidel called "most diemal?

Hispanics, meanwhile, held the lowest share of executive positions at four percent, despite making up 13 percent of the nation's population.

## Mob family looking for a new chief, insiders say

BY TOM TRONCONE The (Bergen County, N.J.) Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. - With the reputed acting boss and un-

derboss charged in a federal rack eteering indictment, the tattered remains of what was once the nation's most glorified - and perhaps most ruthless - crime family are up for grabs.

And when the dust settles, some one other than a Gotti, or Gotti appointee, may run the Gambino fam-ily for the first time since the

mid-1980s, authorities say.

Two reputed ranking family members, Joseph and Nicholas Corozzo, are being talked about as the possible next boss said neople familiar with the inner workings of the family.

"Looks like Little Nicky and his brother JoJo are back in the driver's seat," a onetime mob insider said. "Power struggle begins."

Authorities created a power vacuum on Wednesday when Ar-nold "Zeke" Squitieri, 69, of En-glewood Cliffs became the latest in a long line of alleged Gambino crime family leaders slapped

with racketeering charges. First there was John J. Gotti. Then John A. Gotti. Then Peter Gotti

Just how much luster the Gambino family has lost since the mid-1980s is exemplified by the rapid ascension of Squitieri, a Harlem-bred, heroin-dealing tough guy, to acting boss, authorities said

Alternately known as "Zeke," "Bozey," "Sylvester" and "The Animal," Squitieri is a veteran of the notorious "Purple Gang," which controlled heroin trafficking in Harlem in the 1970s. He also was a John J. Gotti confidant who spent many late nights partying with the Dapper Don, those fa-miliar with both men said.

"John loved this guy," said Bruce Mouw, a retired FBI agent who for 18 years headed the New York office's Gambino unit. "But he was not qualified to be underboss, let alone acting boss of the



# U2, others welcomed in rock's hall of fame

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Over 112's 30-year journey from the streets of Dublin to becoming one of the world's most important rock hands, there have often been times when the charisma, charitable and business efforts of the groups frontman Bono have eclipsed his collaborators and lifelong friends: U2's other members, guitarist The Edge, bassist Adam Clayton and

drummer Larry Mullen Jr. But on Monday evening, if not always clear to others, their rock tive achievements of perhaps the most groundbreaking rock group in the past two decades

"Uno. dos. tres. catorce." said Bruce Springsteen, quoting the Spanish countdown in U2's recent hit "Vertigo," as he inducted the band into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with a loving, humorous tribute

"The translation is one, two, three, fourteen. That is the correct math for rock 'n' roll. The whole had better equal a lot more than the sum of its parts - or else you're just rubbing two sticks to-

gether.

ers. The O'Javs, Percy Sledge and blues legend Buddy Guy received keys to rock's exclusive club, U2 was clearly the evening's star attraction. But they were hardly the

evening's only highlight.
The O'Jays are best known for their work with Philly soul producers Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff. "Back Stabbers" was a big hit in 1972, with "Love Train" and "For the Love of Money" other wellknown songs.

After film clips showed them in wild tuxes during the 1970s, the quartet wore simple black suits to perform a medley including each of those songs. They were induct-

"Anyone who's ever written, produced or performed something soulful stands in the shadows of these giants," Timberlake said.

If nothing else, Sledge's voice has been the backdrop to countless romantic encounters. The Southern soul singer is best known for When a Man Loves a Woman.

The Pretenders came from the same rock generation as U2. Ohio native Chrissie Hynde was a tough but tender role model for women, singing "Brass in Pocket," "Precious" and "Back on the Chain Gang."

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of rock 'n' roll, the hall - also celebrating its 20th induction din ner — brought Bo Diddley in to perform the Bo Diddley beat with

fellow guitarists Eric Clapton and Robbie Robertson Now a stooped old man, Jerry Lee Lewis moved slowly to the stage to perform "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On." But he still

managed to kick over his stool

and sit on the piano keys. Guy dominated the Chicago blues guitar scene, and he was ushered into the hall by some pretty decent guitar players them selves - Eric Clapton and B.B. King, Later, both joined Guy onstage for a rollicking rendition of



# When fans get fanatic

## Famous figures often forced to deal with out-of-control devotees

Sister Sam" actress

for life

BY DERRIK J. LANG

The Associated Press

NEW YORK hev're out there

Catherine Zeta-Jones. Sheryl Crow and Mel combat stalking in some form or Gibson recently faced theirs in court. Anna Kournikanother. In Los Angeles, the LAP-D's Threat Management Unit exova's took a nude swim to find her. Andrea Evans feared hers clusively tackles stalking. In 2004, it handled 60 celebrity for a decade.

They're celebrity stalkers, perpetrators of an emotional crime that's often - but not always the result of mental illness

Despite a recent rash of cases, experts say the act of celebrity stalking isn't increasing, but stars are more willing to go to police when confronted. And, of course, the media is more likely to cover subsequent arrests and trials. All this has led to specialized police units and even entire businesses aimed at dealing with a troubled

Evans was playing soap tart Tina Clayton on "One Life to Live" in the 1980s when her stalker showed up several times at her Manhattan set. He once slashed his wrists outside the studios, then used Evans' name as his nevt-of-kin

"All of a sudden, I went from a nice happy-go-lucky life to having regular conversations with the po lice," Evans said. "This was before people were that aware. There was a great disbelief that here this man was trying to harm me and the police could do nothing about it.'

After three years of living in terror, Evans quit "One Life to Live" and dropped out of public view. She wouldn't be seen on a soap again until 1999

Following the murder of "My







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# Jackson's accuser finishes up his testimony

BY TIM MOLLOY The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. Michael Jackson's accuser testified Tuesday that he told a school administrator the singer didn't molest him because schoolmates were "making fun of me" and he

wanted them to stop. The 15-year-old boy offered the testimony under questioning by District Attorney Tom Sneddon after Jackson attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. concluded his

Teenager attempts to explain earlier denial of abuse

lengthy cross-examination of the

It was revealed during the cross-examination Monday that the boy had told Jeffrey Alpert, a dean at John Burroughs Middle School in Los Angeles, that nothing had happened to him during stays at Jackson's Neverland

The conversation was prompted by a TV documentary that showed Jackson with the boy and in which Jackson acknowledged sharing his bed with children, although he characterized the encounters as innocent and non-sex-

The boy testified that when he returned from his last stay at Neverland in March 2003, school-

mates made fun of him, saying he had been "raped" by Jackson He said he got in several fights

as a result and had to talk to Alpert, who asked him if he had been molested

"I told him that it didn't happen," the boy said. "All the kids were already making fun of me at the school and I

didn't want anyone to think it had really happened. He also said he once got in a

fight for refusing to join a gang. On Monday, Mesereau quesdisciplinary problems as he sought to show that the boy talked

back to teachers, disrupted classes and fought with other students Before the boy left the stand, Sneddon asked him what he thinks of Jackson now.

"I don't really like him anymore," the boy said.

"I don't really think he's deserving of the respect I was giving him as the coolest guy in the world."

Mesereau completed cross-examination by quizzing the boy about times when he and his family left Neverland during a period that prosecutors claim they were captives.

The boy said he didn't take advantage of several opportunities to escane because he didn't want to leave.

Prosecutors contend the boy's family was held captive for more than a month because Jackson wanted to get them to make a video rebutting the damaging TV documentary about Jackson that aired on Feb. 6, 2003.

Mesereau asked him about several trips he took from Neverland to surrounding communities and asked him why he didn't try to get help on the trips.

"Those first few escapes you talked about - I liked being at Neverland. It was like Disneyland," the boy said.

The boy said his mother was the one who wanted to escape. He said he didn't want to flee Neverland until the family left for good in March 2003.

## Blake jury asks to review evidence

LOS ANGELES - Jurors in the Robert Blake murder trial asked Tuesday to review more witness testimony as they try to decide if the actor killed his wife. was the second time the

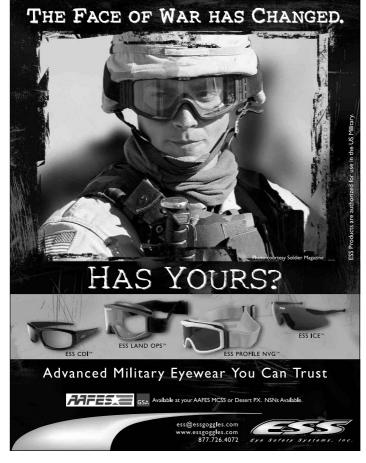
panel, now in its seventh full day of deliberations, has sought to have testimony read back.

The latest request involves statements by a retired stuntman who claimed Blake solicited him to kill Bonny Lee Bakley. The jury wanted to review his testimony about a criminal case he recently settled with a plea bargain.

The jury also wanted to review the statements of author Miles Corwin about his book, "Homicide Special: A Year with the LAP-D's Elite Detective Unit." Corwin was with detectives as they investigated the killing.

Blake, 71, is accused of killing Bakley, 44, who was shot to death in 2001 near a restaurant where the two had just dined. Prosecutors say he killed Bak-

ley after allegedly failing to get others to do it for him.



## **MILITARY UPDATE**

Tom Philpo

# Lawmaker: All vets aren't equal

## VA chairman says new generation comes with new health care needs

ep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., new chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, says the medical and rehabilitation needs of a new generation of war veterans leave him more certain than ever that Congress erred in 1996 when it opened VA health care to any veteran willing to pay modest fees.

"While some veterans' organizations like to create a theme, that 'A veteran is a veteran [and] there is no difference,' I disagree," said Buyer (pronounced boo-yer).

A decade ago, in the wake of a Persian Gulf Wat that saw relatively few U.S. casualties, the Department of Veterans Affairs went between the Persian Service of the Control of the Control

Time has shown that to be a mistake, Buyer said. Today the VA has \$3 billion in "uncollected debt" for health care rendered that insurance companies have not paid.

"And we find ourselves now in protracted wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the war on terror all over the world. So the sense from 1996 that we could open up the VA to protect the bricks and mortar because of a declining population of veterans," Buyer said, is replaced by "the reality that we have more veterans now that have to come into the system."

Buyer's comments came in an interview for this column days after his committee voted impose an enrollment fee of \$230 to \$500 a year on 2.4 million veterans in priority categories 7 and 8 — those who are not poor and have no service-connected disability.

In January, Republican leaders removed Rep. Christopher Smith, R.N.J., as committee chairman for being too close to veterans groups, too supportive of expanding benefits and too dismissive of Bush administration plans to slow VA spending and impose fees on low-priority veterans.

New chairman Buyer, 46, is a blunt-spoken attorney and Citadel graduate who was deployed in the first Gulf War as an Army Reserve lawyer. With oversight responsibility now for the second-largest department in government, Buyer said he has three short-term priorities:

- Re-focus VA health care on its "core constituency" of service-disabled, indigent and special-needs veterans.
- Develop a "seamless transition" process for veterans moving from active duty to VA care. So far more than 10,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan and as many as 100,000 could have post-traumatic stress disorder, Buyer said. "The VA needs to menare to receive them."
- Improve VA rehabilitation and vocational training to ensure that even the most severely injured veterans return to rewarding lives.

"For a lot of years," Buyers said, "it was,

'Here's your check. Good luck in your life. And if you find it in a bottle, we'll try to get you in a program.' I want the system to be far more personal."

Buyer also said he expects a new bipartisan Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, which will hold its first meeting soon, to review whether Congress went too far on allowing concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability payments. Buyer said that as chairman of the House subcommittee on military personnel a few years ago, he "found \$25 million" to lift the concurrent receipt ban only for 100 percent, combat classible retirestations.

"Little did I realize that my care and concern would be so enveloped" by politics, he said, and the ban quickly lifted to benefit a few hundred thousand retirees, many having no combat-related disability.

Buyer also expects the commission to consider whether to change the way disability ratings are set or to tighten the definition of "service-connected" injuries or ailments.

"There is something bothersome in the system where you can have a soldier blow out his knee from a roadside bomb and end up with a disability that's the same as a guy who blew out his knee sliding into home plate at church league softball on Sunday," said Buyer. "Is that the type of disability system that is just and fair?"

To comment, write Military Update, P.O. Box 231111, Centreville, VA 20120-1111, e-mail milupdate@aol.com or visit www.militaryupdate.com

#### Play your cards right

Charles Weber of Alexandria, Va., noticed an alarming "change in terms" alert on his latest Citibank MasterCard bill. "For each purchase made in a foreign currency, we add an additional finance charge of 3 percent of the amount of the purchase after its conversion into U.S. dollars."

Weber, in addition to being angry, was curious. "How prevalent has this policy become?" he asked us in an e-mail.

Increasingly prevalent. The nonprofit advocacy group Consumer Action last spring surveyed 45 companies that issue credit cards and found that 26 were adding currency conversion fees — up from 17 the year before. What you need to know.

- ■When converting overseas charges into dollars, Visa uses the wholesale exchange rate plus a 1 percent conversion fee. MasterCard and American Express add 2 percent.
   The companies that issue Visa and MasterCard may add
- Visa and MasterCard may add another fee, typically 1 percent to 3 percent. (American Express issues its own cares.)
- Issuing companies that don't add an extra fee: Capital One, MBNA and numerous smaller banks and credit unions.
- Among issuing companies that do charge an extra fee: Bank of America, Citibank, Chase Manhattan and Wells Fargo
- Our advice: No matter how you spend money overseas, there is no way to avoid foreign currency exchange fees. Credit cards remain a good option — if you play your cards right.

From The Washington Post

## MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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## EXCHANGE RATES

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## Present, accounted for

Presenting well in public is an important skill many of us overlook as employees, says Eve Guernsey, CEO of JP Morgan Asset Management, Americas. She's sent

along a few tips:

Volunteer to do it. Very few of us relish getting up and addressing large groups. We get nervous, it's

unusual, etc. Do it anyway.

■ One or 400. The ability to ef-

fectively present an idea to one client or 400 is the same. Be comfortable before either audience.

Delivery. For women, speak in a lower tone than normal to

in a lower tone than normal to draw in the crowd and retain their attention.

Take a course. Public speak-

Take a course. Primic speaking can be improved. As your responsibilities in the company change, so should your presentation style, Guernsey said.

From The Associated Press

# Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## Resources for tax time

BY CHUCK MYERS

While more people turn to electronic tax filing, there are still some who prefer to go a more tactile route by consulting a tax guidebook with every new tax-filing season comes a new line of books designed to aid taxpayers with the filing process and inform

them of any tax code changes.

Here is a sampling of some of the new editions:

■ "How to Pay Zero Taxes, 2005 edition," by Jeff A. Schnepper. (\$16.95) — comprehensive guide to tax breaks, tax code changes, deductions and tax planning.

"J.K. Lasser's Your Income

- "J.K. Lasser's Your Income Taxes 2005," (\$16.95) — features include tax rules and deductions, filing tips.
- "Taxes 2005 For Dummies," (\$16.95) covers how to fill out forms, capital gains, deductions and planning for the new tax year.
- "The Ernst and Young Tax Guide 2005," (\$18.95) is loaded with information on tax filing, retirement planning and education saving account contributions.

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#### Smoking ban review

PROVIDENCE — The Health Department probably will take another look at how it interprets a new smoking ban, a department lobbyist said.

The ban temporarily exempts bars with fewer than 10 employees. The department has been counting as employees volunteers for

groups such as the Knights of Columbus who don't serve alcohol.

## Med school to upgrade

RICHMOND — Virginia Commonwealth University plans to hire more than 80 research faculty members over the next six years and spend millions on a laboratory building and other space.

Fifteen years ago, VCU ranked 34th among the country's 121 medical schools in its share of National Institutes of Health research dollars. The school's ranking slipped to 60th in 2003.

#### Mistrial in nurse case

X SAN ANGELO — Already delayed several times, the capital murder trial of a nurse accused of killing 10 elderly patients was over almost before it began as a judge declared a mistrial.

About 15 minutes into opening statements, prosecutor Ralph Guerrero told jurors Monday that they would hear evidence against Vickie Dawn Jackson, but that no one — not even Jackson herself — may ever be able to provide a motive.

Defense attorney Bruce Martin interrupted Guerrero, objecting that the remark improperly indicated Jackson would testify. The defendant in a criminal case is not obligated to testify.

The judge granted a new trial, now set for March 29.

"These things happen. Sometimes there are procedural or other problems and you have to start all over," Martin said.

Jackson is accused of killing 10 patients, including her third husband's grandfather, by injecting them with a drug used to temporarily halt breathing. She could get life in prison if convicted.

### Gov. to go door to door

W CHARLESTON — Gov. Joe Manchin says he will go door to door this summer to encourage West Virginians to approve a \$5.5 billion bond sale.

Proceeds would be used to erase shortfalls in pension programs for teachers, State Police troopers and the judiciary. A special election is set for June 25.

#### Superintendent needed

LANSING — Applications to become Michigan's next K-12 schools superintendent are due April 8.

The State Board of Education set the deadline to replace Tom Watkins, who resigned under pressure Jan 29

Gov. Jennifer Granholm doesn't have the power to hire or fire the schools chief, but she wanted Watkins gone after they feuded in public over his leadership skills.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Cold slows syrup flow

OH CHARDON — Maple syrup producers are worried a cold snap this week will cause another delay in maple sugaring season in northeast Ohio.

Maple trees were tapped for the sugar-laden sap when temperatures rose earlier this week, but the change in the weather could delay production for at least another week. Trees need warm days to stimulate sap flow.

#### Gold Rush plates end

AK ANCHORAGE — The Division of Motor Vehicles has stopped making Alaska's Gold Rush Centennial license plate.

The blue, white and yellow plates depict prospector hordes who came to Alaska in the 1890s.

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The plates began appearing on vehicles in 1998. Motorists needing new plates will have to settle for the standard blue-on-yellow version with the Alaska state flag.

#### Chief arrested twice

VA STRASBURG — The police chief of neighboring Middletown was ordered held without bail on charges of driving drunk twice in one day.

Middletown Police Chief Roger Ashley has been held in the Shenandoah County Jail since his arrest. An April 11 trial was scheduled after a court appearance.

Ashley was arrested the first time in his unmarked police car and a second time, five hours later.



He's got a good grip
Jason Legler, of Pierce, Colo.,
rides a bull named Cat Daddy,
during the Houston Livestock Show
and Rodeo in Houston.

in his personal vehicle, Strasburg Police Chief Marshall Robinson said.

Officers responded to the first arrest after Ashley's car had run into a vehicle on Virginia 11 in this northern Virginia commu-

Ashley was arrested a second time in his personal vehicle, police said.

Ashley's status as chief of Middletown was to be reviewed by town leaders.

"Currently we cannot make any comment on this matter until after Town Council meets," said Sgt. Phil Breeden.

Middletown, which has a population of just over 1,000, has two full-time and four part-time officers. Breeden said.

### Wettest winter ever

ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico experienced its wettest winter in recorded history, the National Climatic Data Center in North Carolina said.

The statewide average of 4.33 inches of precipitation from December through February is the most for the state since records began to be kept in 1896. It also was the eighth-warmest winter on record, the data center said.

## Stolen truck 'hot' item

MA FALL RIVER — Police arrested a man who was driving a stolen vehicle that was "hot" in more ways than one — the pick-up owned by Cardinal Health Nuclear Pharmacy Services contained radioactive material.

The pickup was reportedly stolen Tuesday while it was parked in Seekonk. It was later spotted by two police officers about 10 miles away in Fall River.

Fall River Sgt. Roger LaFleur said he and the other officer followed the truck cautiously because of its reportedly radioactive contents and slick road conditions. They took the driver into custody after the pickup stopped.

A city hazardous materials team that inspected the truck determined the five containers carrying suspected radioactive material had not been opened.

#### Freedom offered for sex

PA CARLISLE — A police officer coerced three women into having sex with him by threatening to arrest them for prostitution if they refused, a prosecutor said.

Cpl. Kenny Johnson of the Middlesex Township, Cumberland County, police was on trial Monday on charges including rape, sexual assault and obstruction of jus-

Johnson, 43, of North Middleton Township, was arrested in a sting operation in which a female probation officer posed as a prostitute. He was suspended without pay.

A Newville-area woman who said she was a prostitute at truck stops testified that over three years beginning in 1998, she had sex with Johnson in his police car, at the police station and at his home. Johnson told her she wouldn't get arrested when he was no duty, and had even driven her to a truck stop where she worked as a prostitute, she told the jury.



Irish tradition Piper Phil Cormier of North Reading,
Mass., a member of the Ancient Order of
Hibernians, performs at a St. Patrick's Day parade in Clinton, Mass.



Up close and personal One of two Maine black bears their compound at the Palm Beach Zoo in Florida. The zoo recently held its grand opening of the new black bear exhibit. The twin bears, named Lewis and Clark, are now 4 years old and weigh about 420 pounds. They came to the zoo when their mother was killed by a car when they were about 2 months old and weighing 13 pounds.



See how easy it is Scott McArthur, 14, of Elkins, W.Ya., prepares to snowboard down a ramp of snow at the Capitol in Charleston, W.Ya. The West Virginia Ski Area Association put on a snowboarding demonstration to promote the state's five abjine ski resorts.



An unidentified Pittsburg, Kan., firefighter battles flames engulfing a Going up in flames building in downtown Fort Scott, Kan. The Pittsburg department, located about 30 miles south of Fort Scott, was among several called in to assist in fighting the blaze, which consumed or heavily damaged at least six buildings in the city's historic district. The building shown was built in 1890.



On the road to A five-letter word for winner becoming a c-h-a-m-p, Tyler Hinman, 20, of Troy, N.Y., works on the Division A championship crossword puzzle in Stamford, Conn., during the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. Hinman, a junior at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is the youngest winner of the national crossword puzzle championship.



Proud grandpa U.S. Army Stf. Sgt. Ervin Henschel holds his 6-month-old granddaughter. Alaina Rover, for the first time at the 728th Main Support Battalion in Lock Port, Pa. Henschel had just returned from Afghanistan.



Fernanda Sales, of Framingham, Mass., sits on the backrest of a bench Finding a dry seat partially covered in snow in front of stadium seating at Butterworth Park in Framingham, Mass. following a winter storm.

#### Plow drivers charged

MA HINGHAM — Authorities say snow plow driver Paul Gratta was cheating the state when he left his global positioning device on a snow bank to make it look like he was plowing a state highway when he was actually clearing snow from private property.

Gratta, 50, of Cohasset, owns Hull-based Hub Construction and is a longtime snow plow contractor for the state. He and an employee, Frank Eddy, 33, of Hull, were charged with larceny and fraud after a state trooper acting on a tip saw Gratta put his GPS device in a paper bag during a recent snowstorm and leave it alongside Massachusetts 3A in Hingham.

With the GPS transmitting from the snow bank, it looked to officials at the Massachusetts Highway Department's operations center like he was idling alongside the road.

But he was actually doing lucrative plow jobs for private customers, Attorney General Tom Reilly

### Charges for dog attack

VA SPOTSYLVANIA — A prosecutor said he will seek involuntary manslaughter charges against the owner of three pit bulls that fatally mauled an 82-year-old

Attorney William Neely said he will ask Spotsylvania County grand jurors next week to indict Deanna Large, 36, in the death of Dorothy Sullivan, who was killed as she walked her dog in her Parltow vard.

Sullivan and her small dog, Buttons, were attacked and killed by three wandering pit bulls, all of which have since been killed.

Large admitted owning one of the dogs, but Neely said the ensuing investigation revealed that she owned all three and had been warned to keep them under better control

#### Visitors bite snake lure

TX SWEETWATER — Attend-ees of the World's Largest Rattlesnake Round-Up leave with a range of memories, the most enduring perhaps being the odorous snakes.

"It stinks, especially when they're butchering them," said Scott Pardee, 16, of Abilene, as he looked into an area where men chopped off snakes' heads.

It's the smell of success to people such as Lynn Adams, executive director of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce.

Now in its 47th year, the roundup draws 30,000 people to Sweetwater with a population of about 11,500. Visitors "not only come to see the rattlesnakes but to spend money," Adams said with a smile.

The event, which continued through Monday, generates hundreds of thousands of dollars in economic impact, said Kati Bewley, a Sweetwater Jaycee

## Picketers chanted down

COLORADO SPRINGS — Ten members of a Topeka, Kan., church famous for its demonstrations against the gay community received a rude welcome when they picketed Palmer High School.

More than 500 people turned out with banners and chants to condemn the Westboro Baptist Church demonstrators as messen-

gers of hatred, not Christian love.

On a public sidewalk, Westboro church members raised their anti-gay signs. Across the street, hundreds faced them shouting "No more hate" and other chants.

## N.J. promotes kindness

NJ TRENTON — A kindler. gentler New Jersey? In a state where one former governor once joked that the official bird 'the middle finger." Assemblywas men Jon M. Bramnick and Gordon Johnson think a few more random acts of kindness couldn't hurt

A resolution under consider-ation in the state Legislature is encouraging residents to join "a campaign toward civility, kindness and respect to all." Last year, then-Gov. James E.

McGreevey declared a Random Acts of Kindness Day.

## Car sale while stumping

DES MOINES — He came to sell President Bush's plan to overhaul Social Security. Instead, U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley sold his beat-up old car The 1986 Olds Delta 88 sold for

\$356 to an Iowa factory worker. The gray Oldsmobile, with 172,511 miles, paint peeling off the body and a Volkswagen hubcap on one wheel, was used in political advertisements last year during Grassley's re-election campaign.

The deal started last month at a town meeting, where Grassley was explaining Bush's Social Security plan. Roy Nelson, 41, was there with his four daughters. One of them stood up and asked him about the car because she was turning 16 within a month.

### Cheaper gas woes

NF GRAND ISLAND — Some customers may have thought it was simple justice. Alas, it was technology that prevented a gas station's sign from displaying any price \$2 or higher.

Byron Wheeler, who owns a Byco gas station, said he kept prices below the \$2 mark for five days last week because the station's electronic sign couldn't display a "2" in the dollar position.

Wheeler said the company is upgrading the sign, which has been in place at the station's convenience store since the business opened in 1991. But until the sign can be brought up to speed. Wheeler is displaying only the time and temperature.

## Observation deck coming

NY NEW YORK — A 70-story-high observation deck at Rockefeller Center will re-open this fall after a \$75 million renovation, co-owner said. the complex's

The deck, atop 30 Rockefeller Center, has been closed since 1986, when the Rainbow Room restaurant expanded into its space. It is expected to draw about two million visitors a year, according to Properties, Tishman Speyer Propertie co-owners of Rockefeller Center.

At 850 feet above street level, it will be the city's second-highest observatory (the highest is atop the Empire State Building, which is about 200 feet higher). The observation deck atop the World Trade Center was the city's highest until the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

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## Why black enlistments are down

In response to the March 5 analysis "Study shows Army's black enlistments drop" (Japan and Korea editions; "Army's drop black enlistments drop," Okinawa edition) by Tom Philpott: The spiral downfall in the number of African-Americans in all branches of the military is without a doubt due to all social and political elements that young African-American soldiers can't overcome due to pigmentation barriers and the command leadership

The bonuses, educational benefits and all the other perks that come with enlistment and re-enlistment do not meet the standards of our pride and dignity. Some of us in theater are professionals in various career fields in the civilian world, but we will comply with our duties and obliga-

tions while wearing the uniform. We African-American New Yorkers have pride and not an ego; we step to the side until called upon because it is guaran teed that we have been exposed to the environment or situation at hand. I inform my solders that at death you won't leave

home, you'll be going home.

In order to keep us from becoming too attached to the military, it allows us to feel a significant amount of discontent and dissatisfaction. We're not completely happy here because we're not supposed to be

Last but not least, African-Americans are now attending institutions of higher learning, as they've done in the past; Afri can-Americans have open options for success - not just sports, dance and music. I've been blessed with a God of my understanding a two-nament household and mentors to guide me in the path that enables me to see clearly what others miss or intentionally avoid, and sidesten

Staff Sgt. Jay Ordonez Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

## Keep insightful 'Doonesbury'

After reading the recent rant (Trudeau strip a 'piece of crap,' " letter, March 2) against the marvelously insightful, frequently irreverent and always entertaining comic "Doonesbury" (i.e., "left-wingsubcutaneous-slandering piece-of-crap"), I am reminded of a quote from a small Vermont newspaper editor. While not intending to impugn the author of the rant, that Vermont editor wrote. "One of the values of the letters to the editor section of a news paper is that it can open the mouths of fools?

Keep "Doonesbury" and your letter to the editor section. Both provide a great service in support of freedom of speech and the press for which we are all fighting.

Lt. Col. Grant Doty Baghdad

### Women in combat arms

Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe's reply of "Nuts!" could be appropriate to a de-mand of surrender to the political feminists surrounding an all-male Bastogne ("Recalling a moment of truth." article. Dec. 20, Okinawa edition). Contemplating female enlistment into combat-arms mili tary occupational specialties cannot be

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compared to entrance to an all-male tree fort, or to women's suffrage or to denial in climbing the corporate ladder. It's assumed that since female soldiers are under fire while serving in Iraq, they must be ready for combat arms.

The contemporary operational environment in which we are waging war in Iraq is the reason female soldiers are responding under fire. The argument that since a woman can shoot a weapon and can be used in a low-intensity conflict operation such as cordon-and-search (assisting in female search) is not a legitimate premise for women to be inserted into combat arms. Justification cannot be argued, just as one cannot say: "Women play football; women play in the NFL."

Premeditated, in-your-face killing is more complex. Combat arms is a cohesive and synchronized determination to close in on the enemy in order to kill them. The psychologies of women and men has been proved to conflict disastrously in this arena: that is the reality of our genders. We cannot jeopardize lives while experimenting with the concept of equality in the work force. If total equality is to be contemplated in the Army, all women must complete the male Army physical fitness test standard Period

Combat units must have strict and concentrated cohesion to bring swift destruction; it doesn't need the added warfare. Combat arms recruitment cannot be justified with emotional political correctness. Draft or enlistment, we cannot liberalize the lethal reality of our combat arms with situational foreplay

Sgt. 1st Class Philip Stouder

Germany

Let women train for infantry I was glad to see in the Feb. 1 column by Dan Thomasson, "Parties should unite to increase aid to war widows," that changes are being considered, but I'd like to call attention to an often-overlooked fact of life in our modern army - there are women in

it! So, if a woman is killed, does her widower get anything? I quote Thomasson, "Plus there is a limited monthly stipend for

wives." Just wives. Dan?

Which brings me to my second point: A male soldier, happily at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, not Iraq, as I am, sent a letter detailing his opinion of how women could not be in the infantry ("Women not ready for infantry," Feb. 5). Did he ever stop to consider that women are just written off and never even given a chance to train for the infantry alongside their male counterparts

I admit there are women who shouldn't or can't become infantry soldiers, but there are many men who can't hack it, either.

When is our Army going to begin practicing the equality it so vigorously preaches to repressive Islamic dictatorships? How can we tell the Iraqis and Afghans to let their women have equal rights when ours don't? Why are the "good ole boys" afraid to let women even try to become infantry or other combat arms soldiers? Sgt. Molly Martin

Forward Operating Base Warrior, Iraq

## Cook answers infantry's call

In response to all the letters and articles that I have had the time to read since rede-ploying to Kuwait, I see that cooks are frequently mentioned when talking about who is qualified for the Close Combat Badge. I understand that the new CCB should be given to those whose military oc-cupational specialties are combat arms and who daily go out of the wire to specifi-cally find and engage the enemy and protect coalition forces and local nationals.

But those of us without a job over here thanks to the civilian contractors had to be put to use somewhere. My platoon was made up of cooks, mechanics, fuelers and a few other guys and was attached to a tank company that was also assuming the job of infantry. We conducted daily combat patrols, cordon-and-searches, and security. Almost no one complained about our new jobs and excitedly undertook our missions. We came in contact multiple times with roadside bombs, rocket-pronelled grenades and small-arms fire. We engaged and destroyed the enemy.

I need no badge to show off how I feel about what my soldiers and I did in Iraq the past year. Nothing has ever made me prouder in the military than telling a sol-dier to take the day off and him refusing to because he wanted to go out on patrol. Or when your chain of command tells your platoon that it will always be a part of the company because of the things we did and went through together. No badge or award will ever accomplish that.

The brotherhood and camaraderie that formed within the platoon and squads will last longer and mean more then any award that we could receive. As for this cook, I loved my new role so much that I'm reclassing to infantry, not for the badges but for the experience that you know only when you face the excitement and fear of the battlefield and live to tell your stories with your brothers after the fact. Sgt. Christopher Greenfield

En route home with the 1st Cavalry BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury









## OPINION

## Jackson's approach to trial is out of this world

BY LEONARD PITTS JR.

The Miami Herald was in Michael Jackson's bedroom

This was long enough ago that he still had brown skin and God's intended nose. Contrary to the allegations that have surfaced in his child molestation trial, Jackson offered me neither "Jesus Juice nor pornography. I remember only a rattan chair and shelves full of movie memorabilia. including Disney, the Three Stooges and a likeness of Jackson himself as the scarecrow from "The Wiz." His room was the last stop on a tour of the family home in the L.A. suburb of Encino following an interview.

To get inside the Jackson compound, you spoke your name into an electronic box and a heavy black gate swung ponderously open. You drove down a long driveway past a pen where fearsome guard dogs were caged.
"Act like you're going to attack me," Jackson said as he pointed them out to me. I obediently lifted a fist and took a step in his direction only to become a mannequin as the dogs hurled themselves against the fence, barking and slavering. As I was concentrat ing on bladder control. Jackson doubled over, laughing.

He was a fey creature, insubstantial as smoke, who slouched about the house as if bored of existence itself. The life he described in that whisper-soft voice of his was lonely, isolated and sad. He complained of being unable to go beyond the gates for fear of being mobbed. Still, he confided, he

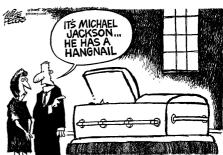
slipped out sometimes late at night and walked the streets, looking for someone to talk to. I was never sure about that story until years later when a man I knew told me how he'd been driving near the Jackson home one night when who should he see but Michael, walking alone.

I left the Jackson home feeling vaguely sorry for the family's most famous son, feel ing that here was a guy who was not of us, a pitiable man who desperately needed a guide to instruct him in how things are done here on planet Earth.

It's a feeling that returned in force last Thursday when I saw him arrive at court for his trial wearing pajama bottoms.

Jackson, for the three of you who missed it, turned up AWOL when testimony was set to resume. The singer's attorneys explained that Jackson, suffering severe back pain, had been taken to the hospital earlier that morning. An infuriated Judge Rodney Melville threatened to revoke the singer's \$3 million bail and slap him in jail. He gave Jackson an hour to get his corpus to court. The singer, disheveled, hobbling in apparent pain and wearing his jammies, showed up an hour and three minutes later.

Now work with me here. You're Michael Jackson. You're on trial on charges that could send you away for 20 years. You have already hacked off the judge by showing up late for an earlier court appearance, dancing on top of an SUV, and forcing jury selection to be held up for a week while you are hospitalized with the flu. From here on out, aren't you going to make every effort not to tee the



man off any more? Yes, you would. Me too. I don't care if my back aches, if I have to lean on a cane, if I have to be rolled in a chair, if I have to be carried by my bodyguard, if I have to be wheeled into court on a gurney, popping painkillers like M&Ms, my body would be present and accounted for when the session was gaveled to order.

That's how we ordinary humans do things on Planet Earth. But that's a place Jackson has not lived for a very long time. He has been working since he was 5, famous since he was 11, sequestered behind gates since shortly after that.

Moreover, he has spent his life surround-ed by flunkies who follow his orders, shape his environment to his tastes and say yes a lot. I doubt he can even remember the last time someone could tell him what to do. So what does he know about having to be governed by someone else's orders? What does he know about Earth? Nothing, that's what.

But if he's not very careful, Jackson will soon have 20 years to learn.

## When the going gets tough, make room for Daddy

BY ALFRED LUBRANO The Philadelphia Inquirer

it's tender, really

Government big shots suddenly decide to ditch fabulous careers because, darn it all, they've missed too many of little Billy's school

They claim to any one who'll listen: "I'm leaving to spend more time with my family. It's the beautiful

American Lie, perfect for its homely sentiment and apparent courage

Embattled Federal Communications Com-Chairman Michael Powell needs

to see more of his family, and will begin hanging with them this week

There are others: former embattled CIA Director George Tenet, former embattled Environmental Protection Agency head Christie Whitman, former embattled FBI Director Louis Freeh, and many, many

When the going gets tough, the tough go home

You would think that the American family would be in better shape than it is, given all the people who drop out of jobs that feature limos and White House access just to play Boggle on a Wednesday night with Junior. Never mind that in many cases Junior is now 45. No one just comes out and says, "I've

been coleslaw-shredded and marginalized. Colleagues wish me dead, and the president is setting my desk on fire.'

Now, "quitting for the family" can be en shrined with other classic mendacities of

our culture, like "No, that doesn't make you look fat" and "It's not you, it's me

Truth is, Powell is pilloried by both the left and the right, and leaving seems smart. Whitman was being assailed by the Bush administration for, it appears, not dismantling the environment fast enough, and Freeh was taking hits for FBI missteps.

And by coyly declaring that he would step down from running the largest spy net-work in Earth history to "learn how to in-stant-message" his son's friends. Tenet avoided revisiting his "slam-dunk" guarantee that Iraq was lousy with humani-

ty-canceling bombs.

Some of the oddest people play the family card, such as Bernard Kerik, the former New York City police commissioner who'd been nominated for secretary of homeland security. He withdrew from consideration for the post. quickly departed the Rudy Giuliani-run consulting firm at which he worked, to - here comes a surprise spend more time with his peeps

Funny, he didn't mention the media's hounding him about his alleged connections to mobbed-up people and about the extramarital affairs he was reportedly conducting with two women.

Which family, by the way, was he going to be spending more time with?

To complete the hypocrisy, some of these family-missing folks get home, invest a few nights reuniting with the cat, then speed out of the house faster than you can say, "Wasn't it your turn to take the kids to soccer practice, Mr. Secretary?"

After leaving the FBI, Freeh signed on as a senior executive at MBNA Corp., the giant Wilmington, Del.-based credit-card

issuer. Freeh is responsible for 26,000 peo ple in four countries, a burden that might cut into one or two pizza nights with his six sons

John Danforth quit as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations to spend more days with his wife, then immediately rejoined his old law firm, announcing that he wouldn't rule out public service.

People should come up with more honest - or at least original - things to say about quitting.

I'm leaving my job to: ■ order hookers and room service for

seven weeks until the pain this job inflicted ebbs

■ join the Carmelite nuns (I hear they're nice);

learn how to properly start a fire the Boy Scout way: and

acash in on my public service by pulling down more money than God and

#### Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## J Horoscope

In his efforts to bring Christianity to the Irish people, St. Patrick, for whom this day is celebrated, was known to have incorporated Irish rituals into his teach ings. One result is the Celtin cross. Patrick's melding of the sun evalted by the Irish and the Christian cross. In keeping with the holiday, find innovative and familia

ways to communicate TODAY'S RIPTHDAY (March 17). You turn into a high-powered magnet. attracting just what you need. The trick is deciding that you need beautiful people, things and situations in your life! Career shifts this spring help facilitate personal changes. Your family finally accepts an aspect of

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once you start a project, dynamic people start to join. Keeping these folks interested requires that you give them their "props" for what they add to the mix. Become a compli-

you in June. Aries and Taurus give

you adventure, but romance with a

sweet Scomio intoxicates

ment-spewing machine

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Release - even if it means letting out a blood-curdling primal scream! Bottled-up energy is eventually detrimental. Too much time in a windowless room is bad for your soul. Find your patch of open sky to stretch out under

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A rare encounter is featured. You're face to face with the qualities you appreciate but seldom experience stillness, tranquility, surrender. Are you strong enough to give in? There's nothing to lose but your own baggage.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Something you were unable to accomplish yesterday is now quite doable. All you need is the guts to try again. With more than your usual exuberance, you can convince a

VIP to join your team. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're like a cat playing with string. You consciously know that nothing will

come of the activity. This string is no match for you and will never be conquered or killed in the end. But isn't the exercise fun?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Return to your childhood fantasy. It's

more plausible than ever now. In fact, all impossi-**Holiday Mathis** ble scenarios are possible today, for no other reason than this: You are

choosing to see problems as opportunities LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct. 23). The de-

mands that are made of you are tedious, menial and, quite frankly, beneath you. (You're not a robot!) However, it's your

attitude that can transform a boring task into a Zen exer-

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you're with that person who makes your heart beat faster, the whole world looks different. There's a magical cast to the scene, as if you're seeing things through colored glass under a smiling sun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Confidence will attract money to you - or at least attract people who have money. You have the guts to greet anyone as though you know that you're someone worth knowing and knowing well

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Notions once deemed unsafe or impractical now get another look. You're not as concerned about security as you once were, which makes it possible to explore new business options. Maybe you'll dream up an idea for a movie

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The situation calls for you to get along with everybody. Everybody Even the person you have nothing in common with, aside from the fact that you are both carbon-based life forms

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll run into the vain, gluttonous and misguided. The natural tendency is to consider yourself superior, but this gets you nowhere. Instead, use the scenario as an opportunity for you to practice humility

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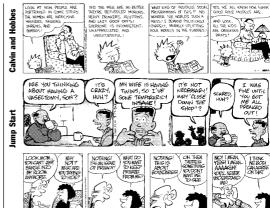
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals R

Dear Abby

## **Son lets girlfriend walk on him**

Dear Abby: My 25-year-old son, "Mitch," and his live-in girlfriend. "Mimi." just became engaged, and I'm really worried. They met in college, where Mimi admits she went to "get her

MRS ! When Mitch took a job in another state and started working on his graduate degree, Mimi tagged along. At first she had her own apartment. But since she "couldn't afford" a car, Mitch drove her to and from work every day. Then she got a job where he worked, and they began having lunch together every day to the exclu-

sion of co-workers. Two years later, Mimi still has no car of her own in a state where cars are a necessity In addition, she's "just so tired" after her "long" 71/2-hour day that she "just can't manage to cook," so they either go out or Mitch does the cooking, too.

Abby, my son is lean, outgoing,

Mimi is obese and lethargic. She constantly complains about her aches and pains and other peo ple. She has no hobbies and spends every night watching television.

I'm afraid this is somehow my fault Mitch's mother was "high mainte-nance." I modeled caretaking for him in his early years when she and I were still married, but never to this extent. I'm desper-

ate to have a father-son talk about the path Mitch seems to be heading down, but I also know I risk alienating him, maybe permanently. Should I keep my mouth shut, or what?

- Panicked Pop in Pawtucket Dear Panicked Pop: Talk to your son, but make absolutely sure that when you do, it is not perceived as an attack on his fiancee. Instead, discuss the mistakes you made during you

on you - and which Mitch seems to be mirroring with Mimi. However, do it with a light touch, and with none of the contempt for her that you have displayed in your letter - or it could, ined, negatively affect your relationship with your son.

## Confidential to My Irish

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Take time to play, It is the

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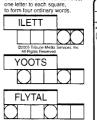
It is the privilege of the gods.

Take time to laugh, Laughter is

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles,



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Jumbles: Answer:

(Answers tomorrow) GORGE FOCUS DECENT BAGLAN Why the robbers headed for the seashore -THÉ COAST WAS "CLEAR"

THE JOCKEY'S MAIL

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BECAUSE IT WAS-

## Readers: An Irish prayer:

source of power.

secret of perpetual youth. Take time to read, It is the

the road to happiness.

Take time to love and be loved,

Take time to share. Life is too short to be selfish.

the music of the soul

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## marriage to Mitch's mother, Allow wife's indirect input on mom

Dear Annie: My wife has a very good relation-

ship with my mother. Mom always has valued my wife's opinion and often asks her for advice

Mom recently entered a nursing home, and there are decisions that must be made regarding her care and future. The problem is that my sib-lings feel my wife has no place in these discussions, including giving me her opinion. I've made it clear that my wife's place is to help me with her advice during these difficult times

I do not want to create a rift. but I value my wife's views, and I feel that Mom would want her involved, given their close relationship.

I would like to think this is what marriage is all about - to act as a team in good times as well as bad. Am I on the right

- Mom's Son Dear Son: Yes and no. The



mother's care should be made by her and her children, together If Mom wants your wife involved, she should say so to your siblings. If she is incapable of expressing this desire, your wife should not involve herself directly.

However, your sib lings should not be telling you whose sup

port and advice you can seek on vour own

Dear Annie: My wife and I, along with our three young children, just moved back to my home state. We have not yet found a home, so we are staving with my parents. My father is the

Dad always has had a gruff, critical personality. On several occasions, he has yelled at my children for flimsy reasons, like not picking up the phone before the third ring, leaving the remote control on the floor and not clear ing the hair out of the shower. All three of them are scared to be in

a room alone with him. Dad opened his home to us, and I don't feel it's my place to criticize his behavior.

- Bark Is Worse Than His Bite in The Southeast USA

Dear Bark: Your father is unac customed to your presence, and he expects a certain amount of order in his home. There's no reason your children can't pick up the phone sooner, return the remote to its proper place and clean the hair out of the shower. Howev-

r, the yelling is unnecessary. Tell Dad he frightens the children when he raises his voice, and if he will ask more calmly, they will do their best to cooperate. Then tell your children to be re spectful of Grandpa, and remind them that he isn't used to having children underfoot.

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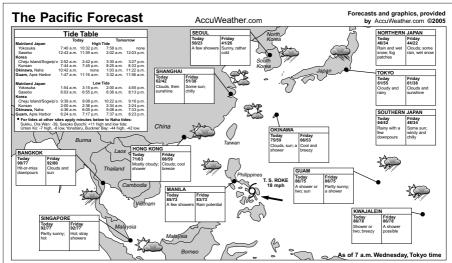
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#### **Extended Forecasts**

TOKYO Saturday: Mostly sunny. high 48, low 39. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 53, low 42.

KADENA high 68. low 56.

Saturday: Partly sunny, Sunday: Partly sunny, high 71, low 59.

## SEOUL

Saturday: Sunny. high 45, low 30. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high 50, low 35

#### MANILA Saturday: Periods of clouds and

sunshine, high 88, low 73. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 75.

## HAGATNA

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 88. low 77. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 77.

## Tuesday's USA Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	35/22	Los Angeles	79/50
Amarillo	31/26	Little Rock	52/37
Anchorage	36/28	Louisville	48/31
Asheville	50/34	Miami	83/71
Baltimore	48/28	Milwaukee	35/25
Birmingham	62/45	Nashville	54/35
Bismarck	31/6	New York	44/32
Boise	60/34	Omaha	53/25
Boston	45/28	Orlando	80/64
Brownsville	80/61	Philadelphia	47/30
Buffalo	33/22	Phoenix	71/46
Burlington	38/23	Pittsburgh	40/24
Charleston, St		Portland, OR	66/38
Charlotte	57/38	Portland, ME	44/28
Cleveland	38/25	Salt Lake City	47/29
Columbus, OF		St. Louis	47/30
Duluth	26/16	San Antonio	55/43
El Paso	60/30	San Diego	75/48
Hartford	44/24	San Juan	86/72
Helena	40/25	Tampa	80/66
Indianapolis	44/28	Tulsa	49/31
Jacksonville	61/57	Washington, D	
Kansas City	51/29	Wichita	48/31



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A notent storm will travel across the northern Rockies and central Plains Thursday and cold air will pour into the region upon the storm's passage. Snow showers will be common across Montana, the Dakotas, Wyoming and Nebraska. Meanwhile, it will be a cloudy and cool day in the Southeast. Some rain will affect the Carolinas and Georgia, with snow in the higher elevations of the southern Appalachians. Showers and thunderstorms will wet parts of Florida. High pressure will keep the Northeast dry and chilly. Snow will make its way into the Midwest and Great Lakes Friday and Saturday. A storm may bring some rain to central and Southern California, Generally tranquil weather will be found in New England.

#### Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Thursday's World Temperatures

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# Air Force players want a lift from Guam tourname

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE. Guam — Damien Seals would like his host Andersen Bombers A squad to keep the 2005 March Madness tournament

title home on Guam. But even more, Seals hopes he can parlay his March Madness experience into a spot in this summer's All-Air Force basketball tryout camp. "This gives you a plat-

form to showcase your talent," said the 30-year-old staff sergeant from Long Beach, Calif.

When not working for Andersen's 36th Civil Engineering Squadron, Seals wears Bombers red and white and hopes he someday can don Air Force blue and perhaps be part of an All-Armed Forces championship team.

"It's the aura of being at the top. You're representing the elite of your service," Seals said. March Madness is not an official qualifier for the June 29-July 16 All-Air Force tryout camp at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., but it is an annual Pacificwide tournament with traveling open.

post- and base-level teams. Ramon Moss is a two-time All-Air Force forward playing in this week's March Madness for Korea's Camp Humphreys Bulldogs. He compared March Madness to playing in an All-Armed Forces championship in that "you

either bring your game or sit on

the bench. You might not even be part of the team if you don't bring our game.

Doing well in March Madness, the Osan Pacificwide holiday tournament in December or the Martin Luther King tournament in January on Okinawa, "lets you know where you stand . . . sends a message to watch out for this player from Osan or whichever base, Moss said.

Unlike the Air Force, which selects tryout camp prospects via résumé, the Marine Corns holds re gional qualifying tournaments on the East and West coasts and on

Okinawa for Pacific based teams But the open tournaments still can help players build a case for selection, said two-time All-Marine center Taurice McMillan because of "the level of competition. the notoriety of the tournament, simply because of how big it is and the exposure.'

E-mail Dave Ornauer at orny@pstripes.osd.mil

March Madness scoreboard

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USS Frank Cable, Guam
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Camp Humphreys 70, Andersen 68
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## **SCOREBOARD**

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AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.-NBA: Minnesota at San Antonio.

AFN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.-College basketball-radotta to be determined. AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.-Tennis-Masters Series Pacific Life Open, women's singles quarterfi-pacing pairings to be determined at Indiar acific Life Open, women's singles quarterfi-als, pairings to be determined at Indian /ells, Calif. (dld). AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-NBA: Seattle at Detroit AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.-Track and field: NCAA Indoor Championships (dld).

#### Friday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-College basket-all-NCAA Tournament: First round, Eastern entucky vs. Kentucky, Jowa vs. Cincinnat Tindianapons.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 2 a.m.-College basketall-NCAA Tournament: First round, Pittsurch vs. Pacific, Montana vs. Washington t Boise, Idaho. AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.-College basket-all-NCAA Tournament: ESPN College Game-Fla. AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.-College basket-ball-NCAA Tournament: First round, Chatta-I-NCAA Tournament: First round, Chatta-iga vs. Wake Forest, Creighton vs. West jinia at Cleveland. FN-Sports, 10 a.m.-NBA: L.A. Lakers at Miami. AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.-NBA: Sacramento at Golden State at Golden State.

AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.-NBA: Inside the NBA.
AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.-Coilege basket-ball-NCAA Tournament: Winthrop vs. Gonza-ga, UCLA vs. Texas Tech at Tucson, Ariz (dld). AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.-Tennis-Masters Se-les: Pacific Life Open, women's singles quarries: Pacific Life Open, women's singles quar-terfinals, pairings to be determined at Indi-an Wells, Calif. (dld).

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## Baseball

#### Spring training glance AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Atlanta 5, St. Louis 1
Baltimore 5, Boston 3
NY, Mets vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven,
Fla, ccd., rain

L.A. Dodgers vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., Cd., rain

Philadelphia 10, Toronto 8

Cincinnati (ss) 7, Detroit (ss) 5

LA. Angels 10, Texas 6

Colorado 11, Arizona 8

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Tuesday's games
Toronto vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee
Boston vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersl Fla. Minnesota vs. Florida (ss) at Jupiter, Fla. St. Louis vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale Fla. Cleveland (ss) vs. Washington (ss) at Viera, Fla.

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Cleveland (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St Lucie, Fla.

ucie, Fla. Florida (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla Oakland vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz. Colorado vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz. Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa Ariz. L.A. Angels vs. Chicago White Sox at Tuc-son. Ariz.

. ngton (ss) vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla.
Texas (ss) vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix
Milwaukee (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scotts
dale Ariz.

Wednesday's games N.Y. Mets vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla

Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla St. Louis vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla. Houston vs. Cleveland at Winter Ha

etroit vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, ltimore vs. L.A. Dodgers at Vero Beach. Fla. \_, N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, iladelphia vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota.

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i. Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater. Tampa Bay vs. Prinaucepnia us. September 18. Fla. Fla. Fla. Fla. Chicago Cubs vs. Qakland at Phoenix. Colorado (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz. Colorado (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz. Kansas City vs. LA. Angels at Tempe, Ariz. Milwaukee vs. Arizona (ss) at Tucson.

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## College basketball

## Men's Division II tournament

Sunday, March 13
Regional Semifinals
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At Waltham, Mass.
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South Central
At Commerce, Texas
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Bowie State 84, Columbus State 72
Regional Finals
Monday, March 14
West
At Bellingham, Wash,
Cal Poly Pomona 65, Alaska-Fairbar
Tuesday, March 15
Northeast At Waltham, Mass. Bryant (22-8) vs. Bentley (30-5)

South Central
At Commerce, Texas
Tarleton State (23-8) vs. Texas A&M-Commerce (28-4)

I Fareton State (22-8) vs. Texas A&M-Commerce (22-4)

At Montevello, Als.

Lynn (27-5) vs. Montevello, Als.

Great Lakes

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South Dakota Could Altameter State (28-3)

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Virginia Union (2-4) vs. Bowle State (26-4)

## Men's Division III tournament

Sectionals Friday, March 11 At Steven's Point. W Trinity, Texas 73, Hanover 65, OT Wis.-Stevens Pt. 81, Puget Sound 63 At Mahwah, N.J. York, Pa. 99, WPI 80 King's, Pa. 85, Ramapo 78

Potsdam 67, St. John Fisher 43 Rochester 69, Amherst 62 At Albion, Mich. At Albion, Mich.
Calvin 75, Mississippi College 60
Albion 80, John Carroll 79
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At Seattle
Seattle Pacific 85, Cal State-Chico 70

South Central At Springfield, Mo.

At Allendale, Mich. Grand Valley St. 52, Quincy 46 North Central At Grand Forks, N.D. St. Cloud State 81, Concordia Minn. 70

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Creighton (19-9) at Iowa (20-9) Fresho State (20-10) at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (22-6)

## **Tennis**

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Third Round
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## College baseball

## Monday's scores

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## **Cleveland cuts DE Brown**

## Redskins reportedly pursuing first pick of 2000 draft

The Associated Press

Cleveland released defensive end Courtney Brown on Monday, yet another former first-round pick who failed to make it with

Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs wasted no time nursuing Brown. Within hours of his release. Gibbs flew to Cleveland with defensive line coach Greg Blache and had dinner with Brown and Brown's wife Monday night, an official within the league told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity

The official said Brown was expected to visit Redskins Park later this week

Brown the first overall choice in the 2000 draft, was cut by Cleveland because he would not renegotiate his contract. He would have been due a \$2.5 million roster bonus Tuesday. Browns General Manager Phil Savage said he still hoped the team could re-sign the oft-injured defensive end

But Brown quickly drew interest from other teams, including the Redskins. Washington is in need of a pass-rushing end, having relied heavily on linebackers and cornerbacks for many of their sacks last season.

Brown was also a teammate at Penn State with Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington, the No. 2 overall pick in 2000. If Washington acquires Brown, the team will have the top three picks from that



draft: Brown, Arrington and tackle Chris Samuels

Brown hasn't played a full season since his rookie year. He has missed 33 games with injuries over the past four seasons, including the final 14 games last year after tearing a ligament in his foot.

Without Brown, the first three No. 1 picks that Cleveland took after it returned to the league in 1999 are gone. Brown joins quarterback Tim Couch, the first overall pick in 1999, and defensive tackle Gerard Warren, No. 3 overall in 2001, as ex-Browns. Couch was released last June and Warren was traded to Denver on

March 2 for a fourth-round pick. The team also has given run-ning back William Green, its first-round pick in 2002, permis-

sion to seek a trade. In addition to letting Brown go Monday, Cleveland signed veteran defensive lineman Jason Fisk Cincinnati made a similar move, signing defensive tackle Bryan Robinson, who played for Chicago the past six seasons.

The Oakland Raiders re-signed free agent defensive end Bobby Hamilton to a \$6 million, three-year contract, keeping a key member of their revamped

defense from last season The 33-year-old Hamilton.

known as a talented run-stopper, was the most consistent player on the Raiders' rebuilt defensive front last season. He started 15 games last season and played in all 16 for the Raiders (5-11), recording 57 tackles — 36 solo sack and three pass deflections.

The Vikings welcomed former Bucs QB Brad Johnson for a workout, now that they are in the market for a backup to Daunte Culpepper after Gus Frerotte agreed to sign with Miami.

Frerotte, who played behind Culpepper for the past two sea-sons, joined former Vikings offensive coordinator Scott Linehan with the Dolphins, according to Minnesota vice president for football operations Rob Brzezinski.

The New York Giants cut defensive linemen Norman Hand and Keith Washington, both starters last season, Miami cut fullback Rob Konrad and Buffalo released Pierson Prioleau after the backup safety rejected the team's offer to restructure his contract.

In developments Tuesday: ■ Minnesota agreed to terms

on a two-year contract with free agent receiver Travis Taylor. who was a disappointment in five seasons in Baltimore.

Free agent tight end Anthony Becht signed a five-year contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. a move coach Jon Gruden is counting on to help the club's inconsistent running game.

■ Miami signed free agent of-

fensive tackle Stockar McDougle



Courtney Brown has missed 33 games with injuries over the past four seasons, including 14 last season with a foot injury.

to a one-year deal, shoring up one of the team's biggest weaknesses.

Pro Bowl left tackle Orlando Pace wrapped up a two-day visit with the Houston Tevans the

first step of a process that could eventually lead to a trade with the St. Louis Rams. St. Louis faces a Wednesday af-

ternoon deadline to re-sign Pace. After that, under NFL rules the Rams wouldn't be allowed to strike a deal with him until July 15 In other news, the first NFL reg-

ular-season game outside the United States is expected to take place Oct. 2, when the Arizona Cardinals face San Francisco in Mexico City.

The game is expected to be a Sunday night contest televised by ESPN. It would be a home game for the Cardinals, who rarely sell out their stadium but could draw 100,000 or more in Mexico City.

"We're working on it but it's not finalized yet," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Tuesday.

## Callahan's deposition might hurt Williams

BY GUY ASHLEY Contra Costa Time:

OAKLAND, Calif. - Former Oakland Raiders tight end Marcus Williams was a "work in progress' whose future as a professional football player hinged on whether he could bring more consistency to his blocking and pass-catching skills, his former coach said in a videotaped deposition played in court Monday morning.

"There was an uncertainty as to whether he would mature into an NFL-caliber player," former Raiders coach Bill Callahan said in the deposition he gave in August as part of Williams' lawsuit against former teammate Bill Romanowski.

Williams is seeking more than \$3.8 million in the suit, which accuses Romanowski of battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligence in connection with an August 2003 practice field incident in which Romanows ki tore off Williams' helmet and punched him in the left eve.

Williams' lawyers say the punch broke their client's eye socket and caused serious emotional and cognitive problems, ending his professional football career.

But Romanowski's have tried throughout the trial in Alameda County Superior Court to minimize Williams' potential losses, asserting he was a marginal player whose future in the NFL was in doubt when he was injured.

This view of Williams may be been bolstered by the statements from Callahan, who led the Raiders to the Super Bowl after the 2002 season but was fired after the team went 4-12 in 2003.

Williams was a rookie in 2002 and was trying to make the Raiders roster when he was felled by the Romanowski blow during the 2003 preseason. At the time, Callahan said, Williams was a regular on special teams who only occasionally displayed the skills needed to develop into a regular in the Raiders offense.

"In Marcus' case, there were elements that flashed - but not on a consistent basis," said Callahan, who's now the coach at the University of Nebraska.

If Romanowski is found liable. the issue of damages will hinge largely on whether the jury be lieves Williams had a future in

the NFL

An economist testified last week that Williams could have suffered as much as \$8.7 million in lost earnings, benefits and medical costs by having his career ended. But that figure assumes Williams would have developed into a regular player and had an NFL career spanning at least seven seasons, economist Robert Johnson testified.

Had Williams not progressed, Johnson added, that figure could have been as low as \$1.68 million. Lawyers for Romanowski say they should complete their case

## Georgia Tech's Gailey OK after heart attack

ATLANTA - It was a normal morning for

Chan Gailey. The Georgia Tech football coach was running around the racquetball court, getting in a little exercise before going down to work

**Sports** 

Suddenly, he felt a tightening in his chest. Then, a pain surged through his left arm.

He was having a heart attack.

Gailey was rushed to the hospital Monday, where doctors performed a balloon angioplasty to clear an artery that was totally blocked. He was resting comfortably and expected to make a full recovery.

"It was touch and go for a little while, it really was," athletic director Dave Braine said. "We were told it was serious, so everybody said a prayer and hoped he was going to be fine, and he is. His family - his wife and his two sons are there with him, and he's doing well."
Gailey, who turned 53 in January, began feel-

ing pain during his usual early morning racquetball game at the campus recreation center. "He does it religiously every morning, so it isn't like he's not trying to take care of him-

self." Braine said. Braine said the angioplasty was needed to clear an artery that was 100 percent blocked. He wasn't aware of the coach having any

heart problems.

"He'll be in hospital probably three or four days, but they do expect a complete recov-ery," Braine said. "We expect him to be back here within a few weeks.

The Yellow Jackets were scheduled to practice Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, then take next week off for spring break.

## MANHATTAN, Kan. - Jim Wooldridge

will be back on the Kansas State sideline next season after coaching the men's basketball team to its first winning season in six years. Wooldridge, 68-77 in five seasons at Kansas

State, signed a two-year contract last year. Kansas State went 17-12 (6-10 Big 12) this season, but the Wildcats weren't invited to the

NCAA tournament or the NIT. "After a thorough review of our men's basketball program, it was clear that there are

good things happening," athletic director Tim Weiser said in a statement. Pac-10 to use instant replay

LOS ANGELES - The Pacific-10 will use instant replay in football next season, utilizing a system similar to one the Big Ten used last vear. A replay official located in the press box will make the replay decision rather than the referee on the field Coaches will not be allowed to challenge calls

### NASCAR suspends three crew chiefs

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - NASCAR on Tues day suspended the crew chiefs for Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick in a swift crackdown on cheating committed at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Todd Berrier was suspended for four weeks and fined \$25,000 for rigging Harvick's fuel tank to appear full when it actually wasn't during qualifying.

Chad Knaus was suspended for two weeks

and fined \$35,000 when Johnson's race-winning car failed to meet the minimum height requirement in Sunday's post-race inspection.

Alan Gustafson was suspended two weeks and fined \$25,000 because Busch's runner-up

In addition to the suspensions, the drivers were also docked 25 points. Rick Hendrick, the car owner for Johnson and Busch, was

docked 50 points - 25 for each infraction. Richard Childress, the car owner for Harvick, was docked 25 points.

The penalty cost Johnson the series points

lead, which he earned following his victory Sunday in Las Vegas. Hendrick said he does not agree "with the

everity of NASCAR's stance" the penalties against him and his team

#### Davenport wins; Roddick, Agassi advance INDIAN WELLS, Calif. - Overcoming gusty winds that sent sand swirling and left a

layer of grit on the court Monday, Lindsay Davenport beat Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2. , 6-2 in the Pacific Life Open When the wind died down a bit later in the

afternoon, it was Andy Roddick who breezed. He needed only 45 minutes for a 6-1, 6-2 victo rv over Jiri Novak Andre Agassi also rolled into the fourth

#### round, beating Andrei Pavel 6-3, 6-4 Sorlie maintains lead in Iditarod

UNALAKLEET, Alaska - Norwegian Robert Sorlie charged out of the coastal village of Koyuk more than three hours ahead of closest pursuers with just a few checkpoints left in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

The next stop is Elim, 48 miles away, then just three more checkpoints and 123 miles remain before the finish line at Nome.

Sorlie, trying to win his second Iditarod in three tries, left Koyuk on Monday evening after a 3-minute stop. Three-time winner Jeff King of Denali Park headed out 3 hours, 17 minutes later, 10 minutes ahead of veteran John Baker of Kotzebue.

# Selig to testify before congressional committee

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball gave a congressional committee about 400 pages of documents on drug testing and said commissioner Bud Selig was willing to testify at Thursday's hear-

ing on steroid use.

Lawyers for Jason Giambi,
Frank Thomas and Rafael
Palmeiro asked the committee to
withdraw subpoens for their clients, and lawyers for players and
the commissioner's office continued to negotiate with committee
staff Monday, trying to narrow the
scope of questioning. Bob DuPay,
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where the staff Monday and Rob Manfred, the executive
ties president in charge of labor
relations, were in Washington to
meet with the committee staff.

Just three days before the hearing, it remained unclear whether Mark McGwire, Giambi, Curt Schilling and other current and former stars would testify before the House Government Reform Committee.

Former AL MVP Jose Canseco and Schilling are the only players who have said they are willing to appear in Washington on Thurs-

Selig, who initially offered a top aide as a substitute, reversed course Monday and offered to apnear.

"I am proud of the progress baseball has made on the subject of steroids and performance-enhancing drugs and look forward to sharing this information with the committee," he said in a statement. "The players stepped up this past January for an even

# Lawyers for three subpoenaed players work to get them excused from Thursday's hearing



Commissioner Bid Selig said in a statement, "I am proud of the progress baseball has made on the subject of steroids and performance-enhancing drugs and look forward to sharing this information with the committee."

stricter drug policy beginning this season demonstrating that all of us in baseball are committed to reaching zero tolerance."

Sammy Sosa, Thomas and Palmeiro were subpoenaed last week along with Canseco, whose recent book alleged several top players used steroids. Union head Donald Fehr also was summoned along with Manfred, baseball executive vice president Sandy Alderson and San Diego general manager Kevin Towers.

Canseco has asked for immunity in order to speak more freely. The committee consulted the Justice Department but didn't expect to hear back until Tuesday evening, according to Canseco's lawyer, Robert Saunooke.

Saunooke said players were unsure whether the committee had power to grant immunity from both federal and state prosecution.

"There's a part of me that would like to believe that once immunity is granted by Congress, there's not a state prosecutor who would thumb their nose at this," he said.

In its subpoena last week, the committee asked for 11 types of documents, including current and past drug-testing agreements and policies going back to 1970, test results from 2003 and 2004, past management bargaining proposals and studies, and details of disciplinary action since 1990 related to drug use. It also asked for results of tests since given to players subject to "cause" testing, a group that includes Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden.

"We gave them roughly 400 pages of documents, substantial compliance with all of the issues they identified in their subpoena relating to our policies and our aggregate numbers," said Stan Brand, a lawyer for the commissioner's office.

Asked what was not turned over, Brand responded: "We presented them with the gross figures, how many people were tested and how many turned out positive and for what. We did not give anything relating to individual tests and results."

Brand said that because of the short time period, baseball could not assure the committee that all relevant information had been submitted.

"Under the circumstances, I think we're pretty confident we got all that they identified," Brand said.

Committee staff spent Monday examining the documents.

"I don't think they have a sense of what's in there," Robert White, a spokesman for committee chairman Tom Davis said.

David McIntosh and Michael Kantor, lawyers for Giambi, Palmeiro and Thomas, sent three letters to the committee. They asked that Giambi be excused until after the prosecution is over with because of his grand jury testimony.

"Giambi became the focus of

"Giambi became the focus of extremely negative publicity, not only throughout the nation but worldwide," they wrote. "He will have to live with this stigma for the rest of his life."

For Palmeiro, they said "to require that he come to answer baseless charges is unfair." And for Thomas, they said traveling to Washington "could have adverse circulatory effects that could substantially impede Mr. Thomas's recovery" from ankle surgery.

Davis, a Virginia Republican, has threatened to cite any subpoenaed witness who doesn't appear for contempt of Congress. He also has said one of the seven players summoned might be excused, most likely Giambi, who testified in 2003 before a federal grand jury investigating illegal steroid distribution.

A Yankees official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said it was increasingly likely that Giambi will be excused. However, the subpoena cannot be formally withdrawn until the committee hears from the Justice Department.

Each witness is required to submit 100 copies of his opening statement to the committee by the close of business Tuesday, according to White. But he added that the deadline for statements often is not strictly enforced.

The union and player agents have discussed whether to offer to have a few of the players make statements to the committee but not answer questions, but the players' representatives were not all in favor of that strategy.

Brand said baseball also was willing to have Alderson testify.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the hearings were a congressional matter but added: "Major League Baseball is responding to the message that they heard. They have taken an important step to confront the problem. They're expanding testing and increasing penalties."

Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky, a Hall of Fame pitcher invited to testify Thursday, said baseball's antitrust exemption might have to be re-examined if changes aren't made to the sport's drug-testing program, which was recently modified to include a 10-day penalty for first-time offenders.

AP Sports Writer Howard Fendrich in Washington contributed to this report.

## Cubs' Prior out indefinitely with ailing elbow

The Associated Press

Now the Chicago Cubs have two injured ices.

Mark Prior will be out indefinitely be-

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Wood, slated to start on Opening Day, is out with bursitis in his right

shoulder

Cubs trainer Mark O'Neal said Monday the 24-year-old Prior has some inflammation in the elbow joint and a little irritation to the ulnar nerve.

Prior, an 18-game winner in 2003, missed the first two months of last season because of right Achilles' tendinitis and stiffness in his right elbow. Last July, he missed a start because of discomfort in the elbow. But Prior and O'Neal said the current injury is not related to last year's problem.

Prior made his Cactus League debut Thursday, throwing three innings against Seattle. He said Monday that while doing some routine postgame exercises, he felt discomfort in the elbow.

Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry said Prior saw elbow specialist Dr. Lewis Yocum last weekend and had a precautionary MRI on Sunday.

"There is no damage to the nerve," Hendry said. "The ligament remains exactly the same from the MRI last year."

Prior was supposed to pitch Tuesday



Mark Prior experienced inflammation in his right elbow on Monday but the Cubs' trainer said the problem is not related to an injury in the same elbow that forced Prior to miss the first two months of last season.

against Kansas City but will miss that start. O'Neal said that in addition to rest, Prior is taking anti-inflammatory medication and the Cubs would see how he responds before determining when he will begin throwing again.

Prior is scheduled to make his first start on April 5 at Arizona, the Cubs' second game of the season.

Wood played catch on flat ground Monday, testing his right shoulder. Pitching coach Larry Rothschild said the right-hander felt fine, and he could throw off a mound on Wednesday.

Rothschild said he expects Wood and Prior to be ready to make their first start of the regular season. Yankees closer Mariano Rivera also has a sore right elbow, but his problem is not considered serious. He will be out at least a few days with mild bursitis.

"It's not a major concern," manager Joe Torre said in Tampa, Fla. "He will probably pitch by the end of the week." Rivera is not concerned, and expects to

be ready for Opening Day.

"I threw yesterday and everything was fine," Rivera said. "Today, I got to the field and it felt like my elbow was a little sore. It's a little swelling in the elbow. I'll be ready for the season."

At Bradenton, Fla., Todd Ritchie told the Pittsburgh Pirates that he plans to retire, ending his comeback bid after missing nearly two seasons because of a right shoulder injury.

The Los Angeles Dodgers got much better news about Brad Penny in Vero Beach, Fla., where he had an impressive 65-pitch bullben session.

Penny threw 14 breaking balls — the first he's thrown this spring as he continues to recover from a nerve injury in his right bicens last season.

"I felt really good," he said. "Even the changeups were good, which surprised me because it was the first time I'd thrown

If his next session goes well, it's possible Penny could pitch in an exhibition game within one week.

"It was really good for the first time. The fastballs were almost all at full strength," he said.

# Hearing delay hints of BALCO plea deal

BY DAVID KRAVETS
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal court hearing scheduled for Wednesday in which Barry Bonds' trainer would seek to dismiss the steroid distribution charges against him has been postponed for weeks, a delay Greg Anderson's lawyer said was an effort to try to work out a plea deal.

"We're trying to resolve the case," Anderson's attorney, Anna Ling, said Tuesday. "We do not want to take this to trial. And we don't want to bring in baseball players to testify."

Federal prosecutors declined public comment about delaying until approximately June 26 a hearing in which Anderson was trying to suppress a warrant that authorized the search of his Burlingame house and car.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Nedrow said in court papers that the government did not object to the postponement. Last week, a similar suppression hear-

ing for Victor Conte, the Burlingame-based Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative founder who is also on trial, was indefinitely delayed because Conte fired his lawyers.

That postponement fueled speculation that perhaps he and BALCO vice president James Valente were looking for a deal, which Conte has said he has been seeking.



# Where the boys and girls are

## Perry's co-ed team focuses on basics

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripe

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -Runs piled up on the scoreboard as quickly as the weather deterio-rated, but the Matthew C. Perry baseball team never showed signs of surrender despite losing the Japan Baseball League seaopener to host Yokota 15-3 last Friday.

Anything good the team did throw a strike, take a pitch for a ball, any little victory - brought an effusive reaction from the guvs and gals in the Samurai dugout.

Guys and gals? Yep. Last spring, Perry, with an en-rollment of 125, fielded neither a baseball nor a softball team. So this spring, five former girls softball players donned stirrups and and the Samurai fielded the JBL's most unusual team.

Never mind that the squad of mostly freshmen and sophomores lost all three weekend games by 10 runs or more. They say they're having the time of their lives.
"We love the sport," said sopho-

more outfielder Danielle Ortiz. "I grew up on baseball. It's my life. such an adrenaline rush

'We want to show the boys that girls can play like the guys," chimed in starting second baseman Cynthia Ortiz, a freshman.

Having the Samurai girls on the team "is great," coach George Suther said. "They listen. They want to learn, get in there with the guys and take their licks just like them

The boy-girl roster is some thing new for Perry, which has had difficulties fielding teams in several sports. Injuries, ineligibility and a lack of experienced players caused the school's football program to fold this fall, just months after being unable to field baseball and softball teams. The 2004 boys basketball team took just five players to the Far East Class A Tournament; the same number as the 2003 girls team.

Further shrinking the baseball player pool was the decision by three former players to switch to soccer



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George Suther

Matthew C. Perry coach

The girls have earned similar

"They have good spirit," he

said. "I'm glad they want to play." But. Novak said. "I won't let up

or change anything I do. Baseball

is baseball. Throw to the mitt, get the out."

For now, the Samurai plan to take their lumps while working

on everything from recognizing

coaching signs to communicating

"Once we get it together," Neil Suther said, "we'll be better than Yokota. Girls and all."

in the field to execution.

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respect from Yokota senior pitch-

er Shawn Novak.

Baseball is where the boys and the girls are for the Matthew C. Perry Samurai this season. From left, team captain Neil Suther, Danielle Ortiz (top), Kirsten Okland, Cynthia Ortiz, Lisa Garber, team captain Mike Menserado and Rebekka Claudio. Perry has five girls on its team this season.



Freshman Cynthia Ortiz is the

regular starter at second base for Matthew C. Perry.

"That drew us back at bit," Suther said.

Of the five Samurai girls playonly the Ortiz sisters had touched a baseball bat or glove.

But the team "needed help," Cynthis said. So she her sister and seniors Lisa Garber and Rebekka Claudio and freshman Kirsten Oklund stepped in.

"Zama had a girls player," Danielle recalled of four-year Zama American pitcher and outfielder Allison Amara, the league's first female player. "All we needed was a female chaper-

The co-ed team faces growing ains. The weekend saw its share of dropped pop-ups, overthrows and batting and base-running mis-

"We're working out the kinks," said Danielle, who's gone from playing fast-pitch softball in the United States to slow-pitch Japan and now to baseball. "But we're having fun.

The Samurai didn't criticize mistakes but cheered and supported each other from first pitch to

"There will be other games, said pitcher-first baseman Mike Menserado. "Win or lose, we're

out there to have fun.' "I look at them as members of

the team," pitcher Neil Suther said. "Players who want to play and can play. Just like family

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## Game of the week

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scored twice, Fine scoring both in the 3-2 triumph that capped Edgren's weekend.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## Shawn Novak Baseball

Last week: Pitched seven perfect innings over two starts, helping the Pan-thers start the Japan Baseball League season with a 4-0 record

Novak, a senior, threw a perfect game Friday, striking out 14 of the 15 batters he faced in a 16-0 win over Robert D.



due to the league's 10-run mercy rule He struck out all six batters he faced in two innings Saturday, setting the tone of Yokota's 19-0 three-inning mercy-rule win

roxona's 19-0 three-inning mercy-rule win over Matthew C. Perry. "This is his sport," coach Brian Kitts said. "This is his love, his passion. As a coach, you're blessed to have somebody who's not only passionate about it but is

## Saya Novinger Swimming

Last week: Took third place in the high-point standings for girls aged 13 and 14 in the 2005 American Swim Council in Japan's Junior Olympic Swim Meet at St. Mary's International School, Tokyo

Novinger did not win any individual vents but finished no lower than fifth in all



six of her events for Seoul American, in its first visit to the meet since March 2001. It was the highest finish for a DOD swimmer since Juliet Stern of Okinawa won the girls 15-18 high point in 2000.

"She gets up for big meets," said her fa-ther and coach George Novinger. "She loves to race. She does not like to lose. If you give her a challenge, she tries to see if she can meet that challenge."

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Spurs forward Tim Duncan grabs a rebound in front of Hornets forward P.J. Brown during the third quarter in San Antonio on Monday, Duncan had 18 points and 13 rebounds after missing the past two games.

# Heat, Spurs keep the top up

Shaquille O'Neal looked at the big picture after the streaking Miami Heat moved into a virtual tie with Phoenix and San Antonio for the NBA's best record.

"I wouldn't say I'm im-pressed," O'Neal said. "I'd just say that the job is not done. It's not even almost done.

On Monday night, Dwyane Wade scored 29 points on 10-of-12 shooting in just 26 minutes. O'Neal added 21 points and the Heat led by as many as 40 in their 110-71 home victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

"Everyone's clicking at the right time." Wade said. "Our teamwork is great, and it's coming together at the right time -

right before the playoffs.' It was the third-largest victory margin in franchise history for Miami (49-16), which has won a league-best nine straight overall

and 13 in a row at home. Phoenix and San Antonio are 48-15. San Antonio routed New Orleans 112-89 on Monday night, and Phoenix was idle after beat-

ing Denver on Sunday night. The Heat, who can clinch a playoff spot with a victory in New York on Tuesday night, are 81/2 games in front of second-place Detroit in the Eastern Confer-

Miami has won its past nine by an average of 17.6 points.

"I've never experienced any thing like this before," said Eddie Jones, who added 10 points. "I just think it's great. If we can continue to do that, that's great. All we're going to do is continue to get better if we do that."

Michael Redd had 14 points for the Bucks. Milwaukee, 2-8 in its past 10 road games shot 32.1 percent in its most lopsided loss of



"We didn't execute at all," Bucks forward Desmond Mason said. "We didn't step up and play basketball. You can rank tonight as one of our worst outings.

Spurs 112. Hornets 89: At San Antonio, Tim Duncan had 18 points and 13 rebounds in his return to the San Antonio lineun after missing two games because of a sprained right ankle and tightness in his back.

While Duncan returned, point guard Tony Parker missed his first game of the season because

of a quadriceps injury, and Manu Ginobili sat out with a groin injury. Beno Udrih, a 22-year-old rook-

ie Slovenia, scored a career-high 25 points on 9-for-13 shooting in his first career start in place of Parker.

Brent Barry added 17 points in place of Ginobili.

"It's real important for those guys to do that," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said, "because that's the depth we talk about and haven't seen for about

a month.' Lee Nailon led New Orleans with 18 points.

Pistons 114, Hawks 108, OT: At Atlanta, Tayshaun Prince

scored a career-high 31 points, and Detroit bounced back from the lowest-scoring game in franchise history. Rasheed Wallace added a sea

son-best 28 points for the Pistons who failed to make a field goal in the fourth quarter Sunday night in a 64-62 victory over Utah

Atlanta's Tom Gugliotta hit a three-pointer with 6.4 seconds left to force overtime. Al Harrington had a season-high 37 points for the Hawks, 1-15 in their past 16 games.

Detroit played without coach Larry Brown, who had additional surgery Monday related to a November hip operation.

Wizards 95, Lakers 81: At Washington, Larry Hughes had 21 points and 12 rebounds to help Washington sweep a season se ries with the Lakers for the first time in franchise history.

Gilbert Arenas added 21 points for the Wizards, overtime winners over the Lakers in their first meeting of the season in Los Ange-

Caron Butler had 20 points and 11 rehounds for the Lakers and Kobe Bryant added 18 points on 6-for-22 shooting.

Rockets 97, Warriors 94: Tracy McGrady had 20 points and seven rebounds, and Houston wrapped up a four-game West Coast swing with its fifth straight victory.

Juwan Howard added 18 points and seven rebounds before leaving with a sprained right knee with 9:18 left in the fourth quar-

Zarko Cabarkapa had career highs of 26 points and 10 rebounds for Golden State.

Celtics 119, Bobcats 110: At Charlotte, N.C., Ricky Davis scored 27 points, and Antoine Walker had 25 to lead Boston to its fourth straight victory and eighth in nine games since Walker rejoined the team in a trade with Atlanta.

Grizzlies 104, Trail Blazers 83: At Memphis, Tenn., Mike Miller scored 27 points, and Lorenzen Wright had 19 points and nine rebounds for Memphis. Damon Stoudamire led Portland with 20 points.

### **NBA** scoreboard

## **Eastern Conference**

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Milwaukee	25	37	.403	22½
Charlotte	12	49	.197	35
Atlanta	11	52	.175	37

## **Western Conference**

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Houston	38	25	.603	10
Memphis	36	27	.571	12
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## Spurs 112, Hornets 89

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# **Slumping Terps, Irish get second chance**

## NIT gives teams another shot at postseason success

BY HOWIE RUMBERG The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Maryland and Notre Dame faltered down the stretch, and now they'll have to finish their seasons in the

"One of our goals was to win the national championship, and right now we're not in the tournament," Maryland forward Nik Caner-Medley said Sunday. "As a team we didn't reach our goals, so I'm disappoint-

Maryland (16-12) lost five of six, including the last four, and was eliminated by Clemson in the first round of the ACC tournament.

The rough finish helped snap its school-record 11 straight trips to the NCAA tournament. The Terrapins will play Wednesday against Oral Roberts, which is making its first postseason appear ance in eight years.

ed about, especially playing Maryland and playing on national TV," Oral Roberts coach Scott Sutton said. "We'll be playing in front of the entire country."

Notre Dame is making its second straight trip to the NIT after losing four of its last five, including an embarrassing 72-65 loss to last-place Rutgers in the first-round of the Big East tournament. Coach Mike Brey felt one more win probably would have clinched an NCAA berth.

"You can say all you want, we had opportunities," Brey said. "You had chances to nail it and you didn't nail it."

Instead, the Fighting Irish will face Holy Cross (24-6) Tuesday in South Bend.

The 68th National Invitation Tournament started Monday with Western Michigan beating Marquette 54-40. The final is on March 31 at Madison Square Garden.

Conference USA had five schools selectfor the 68th NIT, the ACC and Mid-American Conference each had four teams chosen and the Colonial Athletic Association had three. America East is sending two teams - Northeastern and Boston University - to the tournament for the first time. The Big East, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference each had

two. There are 11 teams with at least 20 wins, down from 13 last year. Indiana (15-13) was one of three teams with 15 victories - the fewest wins by selected teams. Missouri (16-16), the only .500 team in the tournament, hosts DePaul (19-10).

Saint Joseph's (19-11) made it to the NCAA regional finals a year ago, but is one of two Atlantic 10 teams in the NIT. The other, Temple (16-13), will have coach John Chaney back on the bench for its first-round game Tuesday against the ACC's Virginia Tech (15-13), the school said Monday. Chaney missed the final five games of the season as punishment for ordering rough play from one of his players that resulted in an injury to senior John Bryant of Saint Joseph's.

With an opportunity to show up a former boss, Frank Haith will lead Miami (16-12) against South Carolina (15-13) South Carolina coach Dave Odom, when he was at Wake Forest, gave Haith his first job.

"The NIT is all about matchups, and they looked at Dave Odom, myself and our relationship when they put this together, Haith said.

Buffalo (22-9) will host Drexel (17-11) of the Colonial on Wednesday in its first postseason appearance since moving up to Division I 14 years ago. Losers in overtime to Ohio University in the Mid-American Conference championship game, the Bulls took little solace in their invitation.

"There won't be any consolation," coach Reggie Witherspoon said. "But we'll show up and give everything we've got. That will be separate from the NCAA tournament. We'll play as hard as we absolutely can for as long as we have to play."

Two other Mid-American Conference schools play Wednesday: Miami (Ohio, 19-10) hosts Texas Christian (19-13), and Kent State (20-12) faces Western Ken-

tucky (21-8) Joining Drexel from the Colonial is Hof-stra (21-8), facing Saint Joseph's on Wednesday; and Virginia Commonwealth (19-12) hosts Davidson (21-8) which went 16-0 to win the Southern Conference regu-

Georgetown (17-12), the other Big East team, will host Boston University (20-8).

first-round matchups Cal-State Fullerton (19-10) at Oregon State (17-14): Rice (19-11) at Southwest Missouri State (18-12); Denver (20-10) at San Francisco (16-13); Houston (18-13) at Wichita State (20-9); Vanderbilt (18-13) at Indiana (15-13); Clemson (16-15) at Texas A&M (19-9); Northeastern (21-9) at Memphis (19-15); and Arizona State (18-13) at UNLV (16-13).



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## Western Michigan opens with a win

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - Levi Rost had 18 points and Brian Snyder added 11 to lead Western Michigan over Marquette 54-40 in the first round of the NIT on Monday

Marquette (19-12) was without leading scorer Travis Diener, who sustained a season-ending hand injury in practice Feb. 22.

'What concerned us was they played four games already without Travis and we didn't have film on any of them," Western Michigan coach Steve Hawkins

Marquette, making its second straight trip to the NIT after reaching the NCAA Final Four in 2003. made a season-low one three-pointer in 21 attempts.

"The game tonight was certainly not how we built the program during my first six years here, Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "You cannot let your offensive woes carry over to the other end and give up easy baskets. You just can't do it

The Broncos (20-12) won their first game of the NIT for the second time in three years and will play the winner of Wednesday's matchup between Texas Chris tian and Miami (Ohio) in the second round.

Brian Snider added 11 points for the Western Michigan, which had its best defensive game since beating Central Michigan 84-39 on Jan. 29. Sophomore Dameon Mason led

Marquette with 14 points, while Marcus Jackson had 11 re-bounds. The Golden Eagles were held to less than 40 points for the second time in three games.

Western Michigan scored the

first five points of the second half to open a 32-23 lead. But Todd Townsend scored eight of Marquette's first 10 points to help the Golden Eagles close to 37-33.

Marquette then went 5:14 with out a point and 6:19 without a field goal, and Western Michigan took a 42-33 lead on Rost's second three-pointer of the half

Sophomore forward Mike Kinsella scored six straight points to give the Golden Eagles a 19-17 lead. Western Michigan used an 8-2 run to take a 25-21 lead with 2:37 left in the half.

Western Michigan had lost nine of 15, including a loss to Buffalo in the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference tournament.

Marquette has lost 10 of 15. "I never pictured going out like this," said Townsend, a senior.

## NIT

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ancisco Kent St./W. Kentucky vs. Houston/Wichita

St. Drexel/Buffalo vs. Hofstra/Saint Joseph's

# Trendy picks to help stop bracket busters

By TODD HARMONSON

The Orange County Register

Picking last season's national champion by mascot cool quotient clearly didn't work. Uniform color didn't do much good the year before, either. And don't even get

started on the fight song fiasco. Sound a little too familiar? Probably does for anyone who has gotten in too deep when it comes time for the annual NCAA tournament pool (for entertainment purposes only, of course).

Can't swim with the pool sharks? Well. face it. They either spend so much time



watching hoops that they name their kids Tubby, K, Dickie V and Digger or they know some simple basics about recent tournament trends.

For instance, everyone knows that 42 of the past 66 national champions came from the Atlantic Coast, the Big Ten, the Pac-10 or the Southeastern conferences. And it's obvious that teams with strong road and neutral-court records are better than the homehodies

But it takes a little research to realize that since 1979 only six seeds - Nos.1, 2, 3, 4. 6 and 8 — have produced national chamnions

The following are trends you might want to follow when you fill out your bracket for the office pool. They might be your only chance against the guy who legally changed his name to RPI

#### Avoid 16 seeds the way Bob Knight avoids group hugs with reporters

The skinny: No 16th-seeded team ever has beaten a No. 1 seed. In fact, the only time they win in the tournament is in the Tuesday play-in game . . . against another

#### Teams seeded 14th, 15th nearly as upsetting as the No. 16s

The skinny: Teams seeded 14th, 15th and 16th have won only one tournament game in the past five seasons. They are a combined 1-59 in that span in first-round games, so, hey, there is a precedent.

#### Make heads or tails of those pesky 8-9 games

The skinny: It's not exactly a coin flip, but it's close. If in doubt, lean toward the nines. They have a 43-37 advantage over the eights in the past 20 NCAA tournaments. That's not exactly a trend on which you should risk the kids' college fund but it's better than guessing.

Best pick: No. 9 Nevada looks good over Texas, as does No. 9 Mississippi State over

## Look for that perfect 10

The skinny: No. we're not talking Ashley Judd in the stands of the Kentucky-East ern Kentucky opener. Take a look at recent brackets and realize that a 10th-seeded team has reached the Sweet 16 in eight of the past eight seasons. But, remember, it gets tricky because of the pod system that puts high seeds as close to home as possible, so a No. 2 seed isn't likely to lose in the second round in its backyard.

Best pick: North Carolina State draws slumping Charlotte in the first round and inconsistent Connecticut in the second.

#### Reach for the 12

The skinny: No. 12 seeds almost always are tournament winners from some conference no one sees until championship week on ESPN, and they tend to be the unknowns in the field. Think fans overlook them? Apparently, so do the No. 5 seeds in the first round and the No. 4 seeds in the second. A No. 12 seed has reached the



#### N.C State's Julius Hodge (24) gives the Wolfpack a chance to be a perfect 10.

Sweet 16 in four of the past six years.

Best pick: Sneak a peak at Old Dominion which takes on Michigan State in the first round and, potentially, Syracuse in the

#### Make the math equal nine

The skinny: With the intense focus on the seeding process, the tournament selection committee has been getting it right lately. The total of the combined seeds at the Final Four has exceeded nine only twice in the past 10 years, and only one time in that span did a team seeded lower than No 5 reach the Final Four It hanpened in 2000, when No. 8 seeds North Carolina and Wisconsin both made it. So go ahead and pick a No. 5 seed, but the rest should be seeded first or second. Best pick: The hottest-looking No. 5

clearly is 2004 title-game participant Geor gia Tech, as long as point guard Jarrett Jack's ankle heals.

#### There's a reason they're No. 1 or No. 2

The skinny: Everybody wants to find his dream pick, the one that can take him to the title. But after about five days, there's a major change of heart and he wants out of the deal. Oh, wait, that was Rick Majerus with USC. But you get the point. Don't take the longshots to win it all because they rare ly do. In fact, 13 of the past 15 national champions were seeded first or second

Best pick: The vision of Roy Williams cutting down the nets works here. Try North Carolina.

#### Sizing up the NCAA regions

### Chicago Regional

THE GAME THE THE BUZZ

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puest, so don't worry about Texas-Nevada. But there are four games working looking at, hough we think only one will bear fulfi. The possibilities: UAB over LSU (LSU has the hosses up front to overpower UAB, but the Ti-pers' guards aren't that good, which will make things in-teresting against the run-and-gun Blazers); Utah State over Arizona (Utah State) is a veteran club, but a lack of over Arizonia (Utain State Is a veneran club, but a lack of mattees utimately with be its unbloomy, Wesconsist Admi-ris Boo Davis and Ed McCantis are hitting their three-point-ors); and State Mary's over Southern Illinois. That's the error of the Committee of the Committee of the Committee of Bennett) and they have a nice inside-outside duo in Found Toniel Nickert. a fe-boot 10 sussis, and G Paul Marginey, a Beat 1st-round game: We'll take any one of the four we just mentioned. If you like different sylves, make sure to

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## **Austin Regional**

#### THE GAMES

Friday in Charlotte

No. 8 Stanford vs. No. 9 Mississippi State
Thursday in Indianapolis No. 2 Kentucky vs. No. 15 Eastern Kentucky

No. 7 Cincinnati vs. No. 10 Iowa Thursday in Tucson, Ariz. No. 3 Oklahoma vs. No. 14 Niagara

No. 6 Utah vs. No. 11 UTEP Friday in Worcester, Mass.

No. 4 Syracuse vs. No. 13 Vermon No. 5 Michigan State vs. No. 12 Old Dominion. THE BUZZ

5 best players: Utah C Andrew Bogut, Vermont F Taylor Coppenrath, Duke G J.J. Redick, Mississippi State F awrence Roberts, Syracuse F Hakim Warrick.

5 most underrated players: Oklahoma F Taj Gray, Stan-ford F Matt Haryasz, Kentucky F Chuck Hayes, Old Domin-ion F Alex Loughton, UTEP G Filberto Rivera.

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Best upset possibility: UTEP over Utlah and Old Dominion over Michigan State are the ones we're looking at the closest. Utlah essentially is a one-man team—though that one man, C Andrew Bogut, may be the nation's best player. UTEP will enjoy a quickness advantage, but that won't matter if Bogut dominates. Michigan State starts four upperclassmen and played well down the stretch. But we still don't believe in the Spartans, who lost in the first round as a No. 7 seed last season. ODU likes to grind

It out and is solid defensively.

Best 1st-round game: Cincinnati-lowa isn't necessarily a sexy matchup, but it will be close. The games we talked about in the upset possibilities should be actived about in the upset possibilities should be best potential 2nd-round game: Syracuse-Michigan State would be the best—assuming Michigan State get there. Kentucky-Cincinnati has some infrigue, too, if Cincy gets there.

## THE PICKS

1st-round winners: Duke and Mississippi State in Char-otte; Kentucky and Cincinnati in Indianapolis; Oklaho-ma and UTEP in Tucson; Syracuse and Old Dominion in 2nd-round winners: Duke, Kentucky, Oklahoma and

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Charlotte; UConn and Charlotte in Worcester; Kansas and Wisconsin in Oklahoma City; Florida and Villanova in Nashville. 2nd-round winners: North Carolina, UConn, Kansas

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olished.

5 best players: Louisville F/G Francisco Garcia, Gonzapa F Adam Morrison, Wake Forest G Chris Paul, Washingon G Nate Robinson, Texas Tech G Ronald Ross.

5 most underrated players: Crejoliton G Nate Funk,
rexas Tech G Jarrius Jackson, Pacific F Christian Marakrt, Louisville G Larry O'Bannon, George Washington G
R. Pinnock.

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# Smith, Ford not laughing at NCAA's joke

## Coaches are less than thrilled as UK and Eastern prepare to play

BY MURRAY EVANS

RICHMOND, Ky. — Travis Ford wore a brave face one day after learning his Eastern Kentucky Colonels would face second-seeded Kentucky in the opening round of the NCAA tourna-

A week ago, the former Kentucky point guard said several times he'd rather Eastern Kentucky not have to face his alma mater in its first tournament appearance since 1979.

But the selection committee matched up the 15th-seeded Colonels (22-8) against their rival from 30 miles away at the Austin

"I don't think it's either good or bad," Ford said. "We knew we were going to have to play somebody very, very good. We're going to be an underdog. We're going to have to play extremely well. It's going to be an incredible challenge for us."

A pairing of the rival seemed a bit unlikely last week, when Kentucky (25-5) was in the running for a No. 1 seed. But the Wildcats' 70-53 loss to Florida in the Southeastern Conference tournament final on Sunday dropped them to a No. 2 seed.

Ford thought a Kentucky-Eastern Kentucky matchup would be "too obvious" for the tournament committee to consider.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith shared that sentiment.

"We would prefer that we be able to cheer for them," Smith said. "We're sure our fans would love to cheer for Eastern Kentucky, as well. But I guess the selection committee saw this as a good opportunity to match us up." 44I think they had to look at it and think, 'Let's do this.' I don't know any other reason they'd put two teams 30 miles apart from each other together. I think the NCAA got a little bit of a chuckle out of it at the end.

Travis Ford Eastern Kentucky coach





Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, left, isn't thrilled with his team's first-round assignment in the NCAA tournament. It's against Eastern Kentucky, a team from a school only 30 miles away that is coached by Travis Ford, a former star guard at Kentucky. Ford likewise dislikes the idea of facing a friend and former colleasure.

The decision by the committee to pair the Colonels and Wildcats isn't a particularly popular one in central Kentucky, where the schools share a number of fans, although Kentucky loyalists are far more prevalent.

Eastern Kentucky forward Michael Haney even acknowledges growing up as a Kentucky sup"I was born in Missouri, but I moved to Kentucky in the fourth grade," Haney, a senior, said. "I followed them. I was a pretty big

Conversely, many Kentucky fans have begun following the Colonels in the five seasons that Ford has been coach. Ford played one season at Missouri before transferring to Kentucky, where he played until 1994 under coach Rick Pitino and helped the Wildcats reach the Final Four in 1993. Ford ranks second in career free-throw shooting (88.2 per

Ford ranks second in career free-throw shooting (88.2 percent) and ninth in career assists at Kentucky. He holds the single-game record for assists with 15 — set against Eastern Kentucky in 1993.

Kentucky-Eastern Kentucky is

one of only two first-round matchups between teams from the same state. Charlotte and North Carolina State were paired in the Syracuse Regional.

"I think there was a reason they did it," Ford said of the committee's rationale. "I think they had to look at it and think, 'Let's do this.' I don't know any other reason they'd put two teams 30 miles apart from each other together.

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Smith, who worked with Ford as an assistant to Pitino at Kentucky, is one of Ford's biggest fans. Smith and Ford have remained close—the Eastern Kentucky coach and his staff even sat in on a Kentucky practice earlier

"We're excited for Eastern, that they're in," Smith said.

"They're very deserving. We watched (Ford) build that program the right way."

In his eight seasons at Kentucky, Smith has scheduled in-state schools when possible. The Wildcats have played Eastern Kentucky three times during his tenure, most recently last season, a 101-72 win by the Wildcats in Lexington.

"It's not like we don't play (each other)," Smith said. "You hate to play (in the postseason) against friends and peers that you have so much respect for. That's always tough, because somebody has to win and somebody has to

Eastern Kentucky is 0-5 in NCAA tournament play, while Kentucky has won seven national titles and reached the Final Four

Only four 15th-seeded teams have ever won a tournament game. But Haney said the Colonels won't be intimidated.

"Once the ball is thrown up, anything can happen," Haney said. "It's happened four times for a reason — because it's possible."

## MAC wondering what it takes to be invited to dance

BY MICHAEL MAROT The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Charlie Coles thought Miami of Ohio's résumé was strong enough for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament: an 18-11 record, the Mid-American Conference regular-season title, No. 29 in the RPI and a schedule strength of 49

It didn't impress the 10-member selection committee, and Coles is worried about the message being sent to the MAC, which got just one team into the 65-team field despite five teams ranked in the top 55 of the RPI.

"What it says is that the committee has never, ever respected our league," Coles said Monday, one day after the brackets were announced.

As usual, the six power conferences — Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern — dominated the field, accounting for 31 of the 65 teams, including 25 of 34 at-large bids.

Add soon-to-be Big East members Louis-

ville and Cincinnati, from Conference USA, and the numbers increase to 33 and 26.

That left only eight spots open for teams in conferences like the MAC and Atlantic 10. Three of those were swallowed up by upset winners in the conference tournaments — something committee chairman Bob Bowlsby suggested Monday played a

key part in some teams being left out.

"The committee thought there were better teams, but I would also suggest that some of the upsets may have affected the MAC teams, including Miami and Buffa-

lo," Bowlsby said.

The annual debate about life in a mid-major league didn't end with that ex-

A year ago, Saint Joseph's earned a top seed. This year, the Hawks (19-11) were doomed by a RPI of 60 and a 3-8 record agaginst nonconference opponents. Wichita State (20-9) of the Missouri Val-

ley Conference was left out despite an RPI of 47. Three other teams were taken from the MVC — Southern Illinois, Creighton and Northern Iowa.

Northeastern (24-9) of America East didn't even appear on the NCAA's list of other teams considered despite an RPI of

Bowlsby has talked frequently over the past two years about evaluating each school's complete resume, including conference RPI ratings. According to the NCAA's own numbers,

According to the NCAA's own numbers, the MAC was the 10th strongest league this year. Conference USA, which ranked ninth, got four bids. The Mountain West and Western Athletic, which ranked 11th and 12th, each had two teams make it.

"You may eliminate somebody by their nonconference schedule or their road record. Those are things that are difficult to separate," Bowlsby said. "You can play yourself out of a bad seed, but you can't play yourself into the tournament. That's the harsh reality."

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It's also what Miami, Buffalo, Kent State
and Akron are dealing with now. Buffalo
(22-9) was No. 32 in the RPI, Kent State
No. 52 and Akron No. 55.

It wasn't just the MAC that was disappointed.

"My only hope was that the A-10 has historically done well in the tournament," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "I hoped it would have two representatives. When you're on the razor, you have to give a reason to put you in and a reason to keep

Coles, in his second stint as a MAC coach, understands the predicament for schools like Miami.

If you don't win a large number of games or earn the league's automatic bid, you must bring something else — like a potential first-round draft pick. Coles had that in Dan Majerle at Central Michigan and in Wally Szczerbiak at Miami, Szczerbiak's last season at Miami, 1999, was also the last time the MAC had an at-large team make the NCAA field.

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little location power," Coles said. "People want to talk about Northern Iowa getting in, but what about the big boys? Some teams play 10 or 11 home games and go 7-9 or 8-8 in the conference. Did they overachieve? I don't think so."

# **SPORTS**



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# **Lined up for the slaughter**

Tournament limelight is short, bittersweet for sacrificial seeds

BY NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

airleigh coach Tom Green was going over potential tournament matchups, daydreaming about his Knights playing Wake Forest. Or Washington. Maybe even North Carolina.

Daydreaming? Sounds more like a nightmare.

And 16th-seeded FDU wound up even worse than Green imagined, facing the biggest seed of them all, overall No. 1 Illinois on Thursday

"Realistically, we know what a long shot it is," Green said Mon-. "It's a huge challenge, to say the least.

That's life for the NCAA tourna ment's little guys. Getting a bid gives small schools like Fairleigh Dickinson, Richmond and Coppin State publicity and national exposure they'd never get otherwise.

But teams seeded 15th and 16th don't get much of a chance to enjoy the limelight, usually gone by the end of the first round in a blowout to one of college baskethall's nowerhouses

"I told our players earlier in the week ... we're going to have to upset somebody," said Travis Ford, whose 15th-seeded Eastern Kentucky squad goes up against No. 2 seed Kentucky on Thurs-'We're going to be an underdog, I can guarantee you that."

No 16th seed has ever beaten a No. 1 since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985, and only four No. 15s have upended a second seed. Richmond beat Syracuse 73-69 in 1991, Santa Clara upset Arizona 64-61 in 1993, Coppin State stunned South Carolina 78-65 in 1997, and Hampton surprised Iowa State in 2001

But those few upsets are enough to give every small school hope, no matter how faint.

'It's happened four times for a reason. Because it's possible, said Michael Haney, a forward for Eastern Kentucky.

Haney isn't delusional, just optimistic. Those 15th seeds that pulled off upsets were just like his team and the others that were hard at work Monday, preparing to play behemoths such as Illinois Duke and Connecticut

OK, so Santa Clara had Steve Nash when the Broncos knocked off No. 2 Arizona in 1993. But these schools have guys who can play, too. Haney ranks fifth in the country in field goal percentage, shooting a blistering 63 percent,



Delaware State players, first-time Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champions, participate in a celebration in their honor on Monday in Doyer, Del. Delaware State (19-13) is the No. 16 seed in the Austin Regional and will face Duke (25-5) in a first-round game on Friday in Charlotte, N.C.

while Ohie Trotter of Alabama A&M — the ultimate sacrificial seed as one of the teams in the play-in game - leads the country in steals.

Besides, the law of averages says a No. 16 has to beat a No. 1 one of these days

Western Carolina came close in 1996, missing two shots in the closing seconds to fall to Purdue 73-71. In 1989, two No. 1s got scares. Georgetown edged Prince-ton 50-49, but the Hoyas needed two blocks by Alonzo Mourning in the final six seconds. Oklahoma escaped with a 72-71 win after East Tennessee State missed a shot in the final second.

"It goes back to the saying, 'Repect everyone but fear no one,' Ford said

And, really, for those schools coming out of the smaller conferences, is there a difference between playing, say, top-seeded Duke and No. 4 Louisville?

"There's more and more parisaid Central Florida coach Kirk Speraw, whose team is seeded 15th for a second straight year and plays No. 2 Connecticut on Friday. "You take the first 15 Friday. teams in the country, maybe 44 It's probably the biggest long shot ever as far as a 16 seed knocking off a team with

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Fairleigh Dickinson coach they're a notch above because of a couple of players. But you take programs 25 through 125, and ow much difference is there real-

ly? I think that spread is getting narrower all the time Still, they know they're long shots. In Illinois, Green's squad gets a team that has lost one measly game all year. When Green and his assistants were making their scouting report, they looked for even the slightest weakness,

and came up empty. "It's probably the biggest long shot ever as far as a 16 seed knocking off a team with one loss," Green acknowledged. "I'm going to tell them point-blank a 16 has never beaten a 1," he added.

"I'll tell them about the history of the game a little bit. And tell them we have to play well this week."

But even if they wind up being an answer to a trivia question only diehard fans will remember five years from now, there are worse things than being a 15th and 16th seed. They at least have one more game to play.

This is their big chance to shine, too, with more attention on them in the next three or four days than the entire rest of the season. How many people knew Richmond's nickname was the Spiders before its big upset? Or that Coppin State was in Mary-land? And if one of the little guys does pull off an upset — or even makes a serious run — it's guaran teed an arena full of fans. When UCF played Pittsburgh close in its first-round game last year, the Wisconsin fans at the Bradley Center jumped on the Golden Knights' bandwagon so fast it almost tipped over. Pitt eventually

"It's great exposure for pro grams like ours, certainly on a na-tional level. And it has a long shelf life," Speraw said. "People remember you were in the tournament,



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and that's obviously good for your school, your academic programs and your athletic programs. And maybe, just maybe, this

will be the year for a historic "You'd like to think it's going to

happen someday, but it hasn't happened in 20 years," Green said. "Hopefully it'll happen in my lifetime, but we'll see

Selig willing to testify; players' status uncertain Page 34

